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OUTLINES.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., charging criminal libel, had warrants issued yesterday against the publishers of the New York American, alleging that an article published December 12th tended to injure his character. S. S. Carvalho, president of the company, was arrested and arraigned for trial December 26th——The second day of the trial of eight alleged night riders, at Union City, Tenn., indicted for murder of Capt. Rankin, developed several surprises, and resulted in the completion of the jury——General Antoine Simon, leader of the revolution, has been elected President of Haiti——The New York Produce Exchange will be closed Dec. 25th and 26th and Jan. 1st.——By unanimous vote the House calls on the President for the evidence on which he based his charges against Congressmen——Senator Elkins calls up the public printer appointment, but as he could give no information as to Donnelly's qualifications it was not acted upon——It is announced that there is no foundation for the recent rumors as to serious condition of King Edward's health——The Alabama Corporation Commission makes a sweeping charge against many railway and steamboats, in a complaint to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, of collusion to give the Atlantic Compress Company a monopoly——Taft stopped over in Washington yesterday to hold a conference with Roosevelt, then continued his journey to Augusta——Southern peanut growers ask the Ways and Means Committee to increase the tariff on this farm product——Henry Harvey was hanged at Rockingham yesterday——The sheriff is ordered to remove from Stanly county the negro who assaulted Mrs. Moss——New York markets: Money on call firm at 2 to 3 1-2 per cent., ruling rate 3 1-2, closing bid 2 1-4, offered at 2 1-2. Flour dull and nominally lower. Wheat easy, No. 2 red 1.06 3-8 to 1.07 7-8 elevator. Corn easy, No. 2, 65 1-2 elevator. Oats easy, mixed 54 1-2 to 55. Rosin steady. Turpentine quiet. Cotton quiet, middling uplands 9.10, middling gulf 9.35.

The more that Guilford county muddle is stirred the worse it gets.

Wasn't that denunciation of Congress by the President pie for Tillman, though?

The Charlotte News says "the doors of the Ananias Club are flung ajar." It should have said flung "wide open."

If Foraker should lose his seat in the Senate the President would gladly give him one in the Ananias Club.

Anyhow the insurgent Republicans and Democrats in the House had Cannon and his followers scared for a while the other day.

Castro appears uneoncerned about the news from Caracas. He may not be so really; but we bet he is not surprised.

The Government won the first fall in the tussle with the Tobacco Trust, but that does not prove that it will win in the end.

Prosperity seems to have reached the chicken and turkey thieves in Fayetteville; but it will last only until the next term of court.

With the large number of peremptory challenges the night riders now on trial have, they will be apt to secure a jury they can count on for acquittal.

We have just found out why Roosevelt has been unusually cantankerous of late. He has just learned that the Kaiser is suffering with insomnia, which makes him very irritable.

We suppose the public understands that these manufacturers and other business men who are going before the Ways and Means Committee are speaking for themselves.

The Savannah News dubs as the "spanking committee" the one appointed by the House on the Roosevelt Panama scandal. But it has not spanked Roosevelt yet.

Uncle Sam is getting uneasy. He is afraid Castro is trying to secure Germany's protection against Holland. That would be jumping out of the frying pan into the fire.

While corn and wheat are advancing in price that of cotton is dropping—a plain object lesson to the farmers of the South on the importance of diversifying crops.

Under the resolution adopted by the House of Representatives yesterday in reference to the President's attack on Congres it is up to him now to put up the evidence or to shut up.

The United States armored cruiser Montana, which undocked at the Norfolk Navy Yard after receiving attention to her bottom and the installation of a new set of propellers, has received a large quantity of ammunition preparatory to leaving in the next 48 hours to join the other vessels of the new Atlantic fleet now assembling in Hampton Roads.

FINANCES OF STATE

Treasurer Will Recommend to Legislature no Radical Chagnes in System of Revenue.

DAY'S DOINGS IN RALEIGH

Library of Congress

Only 21 Successful Applicants Before State Board of Pharmacy Teachers' Assembly—Charters Granted—The Court on Pardons.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 17.—That there be no change in the present State tax rate and that the present Revenue Act be re-enacted without material change by the Legislature, is a feature of the biennial report and recommendations by State Treasurer Lacy now ready for transmission to the Governor and the General Assembly.

The report declares that there will not be any funds available to justify any permanent improvement for State institutions by the approaching Legislature. He recommends that the penitentiary bonds be paid on maturity in January and that provision be made for funding $3,427,000 State bonds that mature 1910. The exact figures are not yet made public but it is understood that there is about $59,000 deficit in the State treasury with about $400,000 money borrowed to meet the expenses of the State.

Only 21 of the class of 46 applicants for licenses to practice pharmacy examined before the State Board of Pharmacy this week were successful. One of these, James A. Henderson, Fayetteville, was a negro. The others are Edward C. Adams, Cherryville; Roy R. Bost, Newton; Beverly P. Costner, Dallas; Chas. D. Cashwell, Mocksville; E. Lee Dameron, Charlotte; Phifer Fulenwider, Monroe; Guy C. Hayes, Greensboro; D. O. Hauser, Maxton; L. W. Jenkins, Stanley; L. J. Lea, Roxboro; H. W. Layden, Spray; T. T. McGuire, Southern Pines; L. B. Powers, Wake Forest; R. H. Triplett, Lenoir; H. W. Sloan, Jonesboro; E. L. Vinson, Halifax; G. F. Wright, Elizabeth City; W. L. Witzell, Gastonia; R. E. Wiley, Southern Pines; C. R. Yoder, Newton.

The Executive Committee of the State Teachers' Assembly will meet here Monday to decide on the place for the next annual session of that body early in the Summer. The committee is composed of T. R. Foust, Greensboro, president; R. D. W. Connor, Raleigh, secretary; Dr. D. H. Hill, Raleigh; R. L. Moore, Mars Hill; J. F. Webb, Oxford; Dr. J. R. Bridges, Charlotte; L. C. Brogden, Kinston; Harry Howell, High Point, and Miss Edith Royster, Raleigh.

The Dacotah Cotton Mills (Inc.) Lexington, is chartered with $125,000 capital by C. A. Hunt, Jr., Geo. Montcastle and others. Other charters are to the Eagles' Club (Inc.) Charlotte, by Adam Fisher, D. B. Paul and others, for social and literary purposes. and the Fenner-Avent Stock Improvement Co., Rocky Mount, capital $10,000 by J. M. Baker and others.

That the Governor cannot recall a pardon when once granted unless some specified term under which it was granted is violated is a ruling just made by the Supreme Court, the case being that of Dick Williams, convicted in Burke county, for retailing liquors and sentenced to work on the county roads. R. L. Huffman, Esq., as counsel for the prisoner had obtained a pardon, conditionedd on payment of costs in the case and on the future sobriety and good behavior of the prisoner. In the meantime the costs were paid in Burke county court and the pardon sent to the Sheriff of Gaston for the release of the prisoner. Before the pardon reached the sheriff, he received a telegram from Governor Glenn revoking the pardon. Then followed a writ of habeas corpus before Judge Justice and the pardon was held to be in force in spite of the telegram of revocation. This appeal came to the Supreme Court, the ruling being sustained.

The State Commissioner of Insurance authorizes the Afro-American Mutual Life Insurance Company of Charlotte to take over the Eastern Carolina Mutual Life, of Wilmington, both being negro insurance corporations.

Annie Turner, serving a life sentence for admitting Sam Walker to the residence of Col. L. Banks Holt, of Burlington, for an attempt at assassination of Col. Holt, is pardoned by Gov. Glenn, on the ground of doubt of her guilt.

Stole Tea Set Case.

Mr. A. H. Oliver, of Mount Olive, who was in the city yesterday had the misfortune to have stolen from him a very valuable tea set case which he had carried to the union shed of the railroad company, expecting to leave on the evening train. The theft was reported to the police and elsewhere in today's paper a reward of $5 is offered for the recovery of the property and "no questions asked."

A Practical Christmas Gift.

Open an account with The People's Savings Bank in name of Wife, Mother, Sister, or Child. The Pass Book you receive will make a fine Gift, and will be an everlasting and daily reminder of the donor. Interest will begin January 1st. 3t.

DISTRICT ODD FELLOWS

Meeting of Eleven Lodges in This Jurisdiction Will be Held in Wilmington This Evening—The Programme.

All arrangements have been completed for the district convention of the eleven lodges of Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the five counties composing this subdivision of the Grand Lodge jurisdiction in the State, and a most enjoyable and profitable meeting is being anticipated in this city this evening.

A joint committee of arrangements from the four lodges of the order in Wilmington with Mr. H. O. Craig, chairman, and Mr. P. H. Murphy, secretary, has completed all arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors of which there will be a number in the city. Dr. John A. Stevens, district deputy supervisor, will be in charge of the meeting and a number of subjects of interest to all Odd Fellows will be discussed. The meeting will be held in the Odd Fellows' building, Third and Princess streets, and members of Cape Fear, Orion, Wilmington and Hanover lodges of this city together with all visiting members of the order in the city are cordially invited.

The programme, copies of which were issued yesterday, will open with the opening ode of the order after which Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor of Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church, will offer prayer. The welcome address will be by Past Grand B. F. King and the response by District Deputy Supervisor Stevens. Then will follow the enrollment of delegates and the election of officers of the Sixth District for the ensuing year.

The discussion of the various topics of the district meeting proper have been assigned as follows: "Best Method of Getting Members to Attend Meetings," to the Clinton Lodge; "Visiting the Sick," to the Warsaw Lodge; "The Orphan's Home," to the Burgaw Lodge; "Relation of Odd Fellows to a Community' to the Wallace Lodge; "Our Paper," to the Southport Lodge; "The Conferring of Degrees," to the Chadbourn Lodge; "District Benefits," to the Vineland Lodge, while special addresses will be "The Rebekah Degree" by Past Grand Master Marcus W. Jacobi and "The Encampment," by Grand Worthy Patriarch W. L. Smith.

In addition to the set addresses there will be remarks by Grand Master H. M. Shaw, of Oxford, and Grand Secretary B. H. Woodell, of Raleigh, who will be special guests of honor. The exercises of the evening will conclude with the closing ode and other ceremonies after which the visitors will be entertained at a smoker, which has ben provided by the committee.

While in the city the delegates will be entertained at the Colonial Inn and among those who are expected from the several lodges out of the city are the following: J. E. Lamb, J. D. Carr and J. H. Jeffries, of Wallace; H. G. Owens, F. C. Middleton and J. M. Loftin, Warsaw; C. E. McCullen, Geo. P. Jordan and A. H. Paddison, of Burgaw; M. C. Guthrie, J. A. Williams and B. J. Holden, of Southport; R. C. Powell, H. F. Schulken and Dr. H. B. Maxwell, Vineland; F. B. Johnson, T. H. Patrick and A. J. Cooper, of Clinton. The committee has not yet been furnished with a list of the delegates from the Chadbourn Lodge, but a good representation is expected.

MR. F. M. PRIDGEN.

Claims Attractive Rocky Mount Bride—Pretty Wedding.

The many friends of Mr. F. M. Pridgen, formerly of this city, but now of Rocky Mount, will be interested to learn of his marriage there on Wednesday to Mrs. Addie V. Ferguson, an attractive young woman of that city. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. W. Morton, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, at the conclusion of which they repaired to the depot, being showered with congratulations upon their departure on a bridal tour to Northern cities. They will spend Christmas in this city, at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. F. A. Pridgen, No. 129 South Eighth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Pridgen will make their home in Rocky Mount, where the groom holds a responsible position with the Tar River Lumber Co.

Among the out-of-town guests present at the marriage was Mr. J. W. Pridgen, of this city, a brother of the groom.

Little Eric Burke Passes Away.

The death of Eric, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Burke, which occurred yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the home, No. 605 South Front street, will occasion the tender sympathies of their many friends in the sad bereavement. The child was four months and 11 days old. On account of the absence of the father, who received the intelligence of the child's unexpected death at Hamlet the funeral arrangements were deferred awaiting his arrival.

Chamber of Commerce.

All members of the Chamber of Commerce are requested to meet this morning at 11:30 o'clock for the purpose of considering the question of river improvements and other matters of importance. A large attendance is most earnestly desired.

LAND CONTROVERSY

Case of T. M. Thompson Involving Fort Reservation Taken Up in U. S. Court.

WITNESSES ARE EXAMINED

Progress is Rather Slow and Hearing May Continue Into Next Week. Endeavoring to Establish an Old Line.

All of two sessions in the United States Circuit Court yesterday before Judge Waddill was taken up with the beginning of the land suit by Mr. T. M. Thompson and others, of Southport, against Maj. M. F. Harmon, commandant of the United States Army Post at Fort Caswell at the time of the institution of the suit, in which the plaintiff seeks to recover a part of the gomernment reservation on Oak Island, containing about 300 acres and valued at $5,000 according to the complaint.

Only the full examination of one witness and the taking of a part of the testimony of two others had been completed when a recess for the day was taken at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The court room is filled with attorneys, witnesses and others interested in the case and it is entirely probable that the case will continue into next week. For the plaintiffs, the attorneys are Messrs. John D. Bellamy & Son and ex-Judge E. K. Bryan, of Wilmington, and C. Ed Taylor, Esq., of Southport. The interests of the government are being looked after by District Attorney Skinner and Assistant District Attorney Giles. The testimony is being taken in shorthand by Mr. Whittaker, private secretary of Judge Waddill, who is giving close attention to the progress of the case.

What is known as the "Baker line" is in dispute and in the court room is a blue print of a survey recently made by order of the court by Capt. Walter G. MacRae and Mr. Raymond Humphreys, private engineers. The government also has its engineers present with blue prints and drawings of the property in question.

After the jury was secured yesterday morning, the usual preliminaries were observed in beginning the trial and the plaintiffs introduced much documentary evidence, some of the county records having been brought in by Register of Deeds John Haar.

Mr. Isaac Reynolds, of Southport, was the first witness yesterday and his examination was completed in the afternoon. He had freighted wood and naval stores from the place at a very early period and gave evidence of a very accurate memory of the old Baker line in dispute and as pointed out to him as early as 1857. He located it on the map in court the same as now contended for the plaintiffs.

Mr. Theodore McKithan, now nearly 80 years of age and very infirm, was a most interesting witness. He testified as to the bluffs on the river as laid out on the chart and told of the possession and acts of possession as to the lands for many years, the original titles dating back to the year 1825. His cross-examination by the government was deferred until today.

The last witness for the day was Mr. John W. Galloway, of Southport, who told of the bluffs on the river, the location of the lands and acts of possession. His father rented turpentine timber lands from the vendors of the plaintiff. Mr. Galloway's cross-examination went over until today.

Among the witnesses and interested parties attending the trial are Mrs. S. A. Thompson, relict of the late Capt. T. M. Thompson; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Phelps and Miss Phelps, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. A. W. Reiger and Mrs. Fisher.

SUPPLY ST. JAMES' PULPIT

Rev. John R. Matthews, of Alabama, Will Remain Six Weeks.

The Rev. John R. Matthews, of Alabama, has been secured by the vestry of Saint James to supply the pulpit of the parish for the next six weeks and will conduct his first services on Sunday at 7:45 A. M., 11 A. M. and 5 P. M. Since the recent resignation of Rev. R. W. Hogue the parish has been without a rector but the vestry has arranged for services each Sabbath by a local or visiting rector. Rev. Mr. Matthews, a missioner, has been engaged until after the holidays and the services will be conducted regularly by him until a rector to succeed Mr. Hogue is regularly called.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

Announcements by Presiding Elder For the Wilmington District.

Rev. W. L. Cuninggim, presiding elder of the Wilmington district, M. E. Church, requests the Star to announce that he will preach and hold quarterly conferences at Southport, Sunday, Dec. 20th; at Lebanon, Mt. Tabor circuit (the old Waccamaw circuit), Dec. 26th and 27th; at Vineland, Friday night, Dec. 25th; at Whiteville, Sunday night, Dec. 27th; at Rocky Point, Burgaw circuit, Jan. 2nd and 3rd; at Bladen Street church, at night, Jan. 3rd; Swansboro, Jan. 7th, at night, and 8th, and Maysville, Onslow, Jan. 9th and 10th.

WORKED CLEVER SWINDLE

Well Dressed Strangers Claiming to Represent Mail Order House Got Away With Considerable Money of Confiding Purchasers.

Claiming to represent the Cash Buyers' Union, a large and responsible mail order house of Chicago, Ill., taking many orders and receiving part payment therefor in advance, two well dressed strangers are reported to have made a successful get-away with between $400 and $500 of the hard-earned money of more than a score of the thrifty colored people and a few whites who live in the fertile section of the country around Scott's Hill, in this county.

From all accounts the strangers left the city between suns Wednesday night or early yesterday morning, abandoning a horse and buggy which they had hired from Davis' livery stables in this city to the care of John Foy, a colored man living near Scott's Hill, with instructions to bring it to the city yesterday morning, since which time the strangers have not been heard from in spite of persistent search made for them not only by the confiding purchasers around Scott's Hill but by Mr. Davis, who is out something over $16 in livery charges since last Monday morning.

The strangers appeared in the city last Thursday and hired a turn-out from Mr. Davis for the day, going out in the early morning and returning after night each day, settling the bill of $3.50. This they kept up until Monday morning when one of the men went to the stable in the absence of Mr. Davis and secured a turn-out for two or three days' use from a colored attendant. In the meantime Mr. W. B. McClellan, of this city, had his attention called to some remarkable bargains offered in the country on spring wagons, the salesman offering them at $26 and "throwing in" a set of harness for good measure, receiving a deposit of $10 and telling the innocent purchaser that when the goods arrived, if they were not satisfactory, they could be returned. He told Mr. Davis of his suspicion that a clever swindle was being perpetrated on the people in the country and Mr. Davis' horse and buggy not having been returned yesterday morning, he and Mr. McClellan set out to find it. They met the colored man, Foy, driving it to the city in East Wilmington. Foy said that the men overtook him coming to the city Wednesday afternoon and had him accompany them to the city. They stopped at a bar room on upper Market street, purchased liberally a supply of liquor and told Foy to take the turn-out back home with him that night and bring it to them the following morning. He was returning it in good faith when accosted by Mr. Davis and Mr. McClellan yesterday morning. Along with Foy was a small army of colored people who had been "taken in" by the evident swindle of the strangers. One of the number, after making a liberal purchase from the men, had grown suspicious and from Scott's Hill telegraphed the Cash Buyers' Union in Chicago, receiving the reply that they employed no agents, selling by mail from their catalogue only. Receipts for the partial payment on order were given on the ordinary stock receipt blank purchased at a local stationer's. They evidently picked up a catalogue of the Chicago house and were using it to give color to their clever swindle. They would offer any article wanted by the purchaser for sale and would quote glibly from the catalogue whether the article was listed there or not, and price was no object.

Upon their return to the city Messrs. Davis and McClellan secured as accurate a description of the men as possible and sent several telegrams with the hope of apprehending the men, but without success. One is described as a large man with brown overcoat and brown derby hat. He did the principal work in the country though a smaller young man with a foreign accent usually secured the teams and accompanied him. While in the country they ate and slept at negro houses and seemed to avoid any more contact than was impossible with intelligent people. In the usual rush of business at the union depot, City Ticket Agent Edwards could recall the leaving of no such persons by any of the trains yesterday morning, though they remained in the city until after midnight Wednesday. They have probably made a successful get-away with the money entrusted to their care by the unsuspecting victims.

His Auto Ditched.

While driving with a party of friends on the Castle Haynes turnpike early last evening about five miles from the city, the automobile of Mr. Louis T. Moore was ditched and those in the car were more or less shaken up, but no one was injured. Mr. W. H. Dock went out in one of the cars from his garage and towed the disabled machine in.

No Need to Worry.

Over your Christmas presents, go to The People's Savings Bank and open an account in the name of Wife, Mother, Sister, or Child. The Bank Book you receive will make a fine present. Small accounts are welcome at this bank and interest will begin January 1st. 3t

PUBLIC WATERWAYS

Apprehensive of President's Recommendation of Changes in System of Improvement.

SPECIAL MEETING YESTERDAY

North Carolina Waterways Association, in Resolution Prepared by Mr. Sprunt, Expresses High Appreciation of Engineers.

Important action with reference to the method of continuing the present system of government improvement of public waterways was taken at a special, called meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Waterways Association at the office of Mr. James H. Chadbourn, the president, in the Southern Building, yesterday at noon.

In view of the great importance of the public work now under the control of the United States Corps of Engineers, and feeling apprehensive lest the recommendation in President Roosevelt's annual message relative to material changes in the composition of the Engineer Corps be enacted into law, and appreciating the great value of a scientifically trained Corps of Engineers in the service of waterway development, and being in position to know the value of the Engineers in charge of the Cape Fear river, namely: Captains Craighill, Stanton, Bixby, Lucas, Johnston and Brown, the president of the Waterways Association requested Mr. James Sprunt, because of his large familiarity with the subject, to prepare a resolution touching the matter.

Mr. Sprunt presented a very comprehensive paper, which, after thorough discussion in every provision, was unanimously endorsed by the Executive Committee. The Committee also requested that the Chamber of Commerce give its endorsement to the resolution, and a special meeting of that body is called to be held this morning at 11:30 o'clock, the purpose being to forward the resolution thus endorsed to our representatives in both houses of Congress. The resolution prepared by Mr. Sprunt follows:

"Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 17, 1908.

"The North Carolina Waterways Association, actuated by a desire to promote the best interests of our Commonwealth, and by feelings of National pride in the traditions of that superior arm of our common country's military defense, the Corps of Engineers of the United States Army—whose standard of excellence has been exemplified in the services of R. E. Lee, Meade, Johnston, McPherson, Humphreys, Newton, Wright, Warren and Robert; by Abbott, Barnard, Casey, Comstock, Mahan, Meigs, Totten, Hains, Raymond and Suter; and by the later chiefs Craighill, Wilson, McKenzie and Marshall, to say nothing of the present services of such distinguished officers as Goethals, Sibert, Gaillard, Chittenden, Black and Lockwood — has perceived with apprehension and even alarm an insidious influence in high places, which seeks, under cover of specious arguments, to minimize the importance and effectiveness of the present system which employs upon the waterways and river and harbor improvements of our country the best technical talent, whose professional integrity places the service of the Corps of Engineers above suspicion.

"We recognize, after years of intelligent personal contact and careful observation, the superior advantages in the public service of a body of men representing the flower of the American army, whose training by the State has fitted them with a maximum mental and physical equipment for great undertakings, and whose ever increasing usefulness is saving millions of revenue to the Federal Government.

"On the other hand, we regard, with due deference to his comprehensive knowledge of public affairs and to his careful investigation of this important subject, the recommendation of President Roosevelt, that 'the plan which promises the best and quickest results is that of a permanent Commission, authorized to co-ordinate the work of all the Government Departments relating to waterways, and to frame and supervise the execution of a comprehensive plan.'

"If we may, with proper respect for such eminent authority, question his remark that 'the virtually permanent detail of the Corps of Engineers to Civilian duty necessarily impairs the efficiency of our military establishment,' we might maintain that such work as the development of our waterways and other great public utilities should make this valuable military arm more effective in time of war, because of the knowledge acquired with reference to such details, to say nothing of the active employment of talents which, duly exercised in the pursuit of peaceful arts, might reach a higher degree of efficiency in time of war.

"We might also dissent from the opinion of the President, that 'the military engineers are necessarily unsuited by their training and traditions, to take the broad view and to gather and transmit to Congress the

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COMMENTS ON PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The three messages the President has sent to Congress during the present session have created a stir all over the country and are being commented on in the press to an unusual extent. We give space in this column to extracts from some of these editorials.

The Washington Star, a strong Republican paper, begins its editorial comments on the Panama canal message with this paragraph:

"The President's invective disfigured—to use a mild word—his Panama message. That sort of thing is easily overdone. It goes with anger, real or simulated, and anger should never mark a state paper. Even a criminal lawyer, working up a jury with fury and superlatives, can injure his case by excesses of that kind. Facts speak louder than words. They carry a sufficient denunciation of false statements, where false statements have been made. They really secure the verdict, either from a jury of twelve men, or from the whole people."

While refusing to admit that there was any scandal committed with the purchase of the canal it declares for an investigation of the subject and a vote by Congress which "would silence all accusers forever." In this it differs with the President who flew into a passion because some people said that on account of the rumors there should be an investigation by Congress.

The New York Herald, independent in politics, published this editorial in its issue of Wednesday:

"The tone of the special message sent to Congress yesterday dealing with the charges of jobbery in connection with the purchase of the Panama canal shows—to borrow from the Brooklyn Eagle this good old New England phrase—that the President is 'all het up.'

"In fact, Mr. Roosevelt breaks his own record of strong language in adding to the list of members of the Ananias Club the name of the editor and proprietor of the World. Statements about the canal purchase are characterized as scurrilous and lying and libellous and infamous, as wicked slanders and as originally concocted with a possible view to blackmail; and a suit for libel by the government is threatened against 'this villifier of the American people.'

"But after letting off all this steam the President presents a lot of documents to Congress with the statement that 'there is nothing whatever in which this government is interested to investigate about this transaction.' Then why on earth oppose an investigation and get 'so all fired het up?' There are doubtless many who will share in the feeling expressed by the Evening Sun:—'The general tone of the President's latest message leads us to the belief that Congress should make a thorough investigation of the Panama canal purchase, although we had not heretofore thought so.' As the Herald remarked in a leading editorial one week ago to day: 'If the purchase of the canal property was a perfectly straightforward operation those concerned in that purchase have nothing to fear, but in fact have everything to gain from the closest investigation. One would expect them to invite the most searching inquiry in order to cover their adversaries and and accusers with confusion.'

"This is the hard common sense view of the situation. It is a pity that Mr. Roosevelt has not been able to see it in that light."

In the editorial on the same subject in the New York Times, another Republican paper, we find these paragraphs:

"The Attorney Gentral has under consideration the form in which the proceedings against Mr. Pulitzer shall be brought.' The public will await with interest the result of Mr. Bonaparte's search for the constitutional or statutory authority to begin his contemplated action, and men now thought to be learned in the law will add to their knowledge when the form of the proceedings has been determined upon.

"Meanwhile, however little the public may approve the publication concerning the Panama canal which has provoked this message from the President, however sternly it may condemn such imputations not supported by evidence, and for which Mr. Roosevelt declares no supporting evidence exists, we think there will be universal regret that the President should have thought it necessary to send to Congress a message upon such a subject.

"We think it will be the opinion of Mr. Roosevelt's countrymen that he might have let these newspaper statements pass him by like the idle wind. Certainly he ought not to have made them the subject of a message to the National lawmakers."

Does the fact that Burton is not going to be urged to enter the Cabinet mean that "Brother Charles" has come to the conclusion that it is no use for him to try for Foraker's seat in the Senate?

OUR COUNTRY'S BANKING.

The annual report of the Comptroller of the Currency shows that there are twenty-five thousand banks and banking institutions in this country, which means one to about every 3,500 of the inhabitants. The deposits amount to over thirteen and a quarter billion dollars, a sum four times greater than the entire stock of money in the country. The total of the capital, deposits, surplus and circulation of these institutions amounts to over seventeen and a half billion dollars, which is three times greater than was the banking power of the country in 1890. Eleven thousand banks have been organized since that year and deposits have increased by over five billion dollars. The banking power of the world is forty-five billion dollars, of which our country, as stated above, has over seventeen and a half billions, leaving less than twenty-eight billion for the other countries. The percentate of increase in this country during this period has been 242 against 159 in the other countries. These figures show the wonderful progress our country has made in business and commercial lines, and if increase in banking facilities means increase in prosperity then we have far outstripped the balance of the world in that also.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says this in reference to Judge Purnell's critical condition and his probable successor:

"The condition of Judge Thomas R. Purnell, of the Federal Court, is critical, and it seems to have been so from the very beginning of his illness. It has been stated that in case a successor to him has to be appointed District Attorney Harry Skinner will be the man. This has been very quietly talked, but of course, nothing has been done in the premises, and Judge Purnell's courts have been held by Judges Boyd and Waddill."

The House Ways and Means Committee has been asked to reduce the tariff on women's hats. What's the use? Isn't any woman satisfied with an American-made hat if she can convince her acquaintances that it came from Paris?

So Roosevelt will get such of those African animals and birds he kills in Africa as he wishes to preserve prepared and shipped to the United States by Government experts and at the expense of the Government. His proposition to the Smithsonian Institution governors was a shrewd one.

The papers are urging people to do their Christmas shopping early and "avoid the rush." Suppose all Christmas shoppers would take this advice. The rush would just come a few days earlier.

If the Ohio Legislature should reelect Senator Foraker will President Roosevelt's special message on the subject, denouncing as traitors, scoundrels and liars those who voted for him, be sent to the Congress of the United States or to the Legislature of Ohio?

If the people take no interest in real governmental reforms they cannot expect those who are running the Government to their own great satisfaction under present conditions to institute any changes of that kind.

Roosevelt has only a fortnight more in which to work for Foraker's defeat. The Republicans of the Ohio Legislature will caucus on the Senatorship on January 2nd, two weeks from tomorrow.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—President-elect Taft says he is going to follow the policy of McKinley with respect to the Philippines. Isn't that "less majeste," or at least ingratitude? Is it possible that there can be other policies carried over to the next administration than those of Roosevelt? Some years back Roosevelt said something about carrying out the policies of McKinley, but after a time they came to be noted and referred to as "my policies;" and it was "my policies" that cut the big figure in the recent campaign.—Savannah News.

—In view of the enormity of the water problems relating to flood, freshet and unutilized streams and rivers, the recommendations made by a conservation conference can but touch the borders of the question. It is folly to put off the work that lies at the base of the nation's future prosperity and greatness. It is a case of the stitch in time saving nine. Some persons, like Speaker Cannon, are not highly gifted with imagination and cannot grasp the magnificence and the tragical necessity for setting the energies of the nation to the work of making the waterfall do the greatest amount of work for civilization and progress.—Baltimore American.

—One of the greatest benefits of woman suffrage will be in its promotion of the world's peace. The women will not go to war, nor will they want to build great battleships every year for the purpose of protecting this country from imaginary naval foes. Nor will they permit their husbands and sons to enter upon any war except in defense of the nation's rights and honor. They have no lust of conquest or desire to hold millions of brown men in colonial subjection. On every question of war and peace they will be the supreme arbiters; and we may be assured that their sympathies and support will always be on the side of justice and humanity.—Philadelphia Record.

—As in the historic case of Crum, appointed to be collector of Charleston, an office with which colored citizens have no relation and only white merchants and importers have dealings, so in many cases the South feels that colored men have been appointed to federal office there because they are colored and not because of fitness. In other words, the offices at the South have been filled from somewhat different motives from those at the North. To clamp this situation down by a sweeping order, giving present appointees a life tenure, would tend to hinder Mr. Taft in his purpose to adjust things better than they now are. It would be well to improve the condition before making it permanent and so make of it a source of strength and harmony instead of a source of discord and turmoil.—Indianapolis News.

—Mr. Thomas W. Lingle of North Carolina through the columns of the Outlook proposes what he considers a practical plan for abolishing sectionalism. He proposes the dividing up of the electoral vote of each State in proportion to the popular vote cast in each—in other words minority representation in the electoral college from each State. Ambassador Bryce and Judge Clark of North Carolina are said to endorse the plan. It is claimed: (1). It would carry the national presidential campaign into every State of the Union. (2). The presidential candidates of the two great parties would each, at every election, receive one or more electoral votes from each State in the Union. (3). All talk about "the Solid South" and "the Solid North" would forever stop, as no such thing as either would exist. (4). Pivotal States would be put out of commission. All these four accomplishments are desirable though the first is of little importance: but how are we to secure such a representation in the electoral college? It could not be accomplished by legislation for it would involve a radical change of the constitution. The constitution provides for the election of a president not by popular vote but by electors chosen by the States.—Florida Times-Union.

—Of those questioning the absolute truth of his statement about purchase of the Panama canal, President Roosevelt says, through the New York Times, "They are creatures of the gutther, so low they envy the eminence of the dunghill." Agreeing that it is righteous for an honest man to indulge resentment of an imputation on his honor, we are none the less convinced that such language as the above in the mouth of the highest dignitary in the land will carry more sorrow than conviction to the public mind. Conscious innocence does not stoop to bandy vulgar epithets with its accusers as a rule. The sensibility which most keenly feels the sting of an insult is also that to which the tuquoque style of reprisal would be revolting. Mr. Roosevelt demeans himself as a man when he substitutes gross denunciation of his assailants for calm vindication of himself from their assaults; and he offends grievously against the people of the country when forgetting the obligations imposed by his exalted official station. His lack of any delicate sense of propriety has long ago been apparent to his warmest friends; but ebullitions such as the above quoted go far to justify his enemies in ascribing to him a coarseness of nature beyond the cure of culture or of gentle associations.—Virginian-Pilot.

TWINKLINGS.

—Man—Do you believe that story about her? Woman—I'd believe anything about her, unless she told it me herself.—Pick-Me-Up.

—Tambo—Say, Mistah Bones, what am de three most uncertainest things in de world? Bones—Ah dunno, Mistah Tambo. What am de three uncertainest things in the world? Bones—A woman an' two other women.—Chicago News.

—The Powder Manufacturer—Fancy old Bill, of all people, going into the gunpowder shed with a lighted candle. I should think that would be the last thing he'd do. The Workman—Which, properly speakin', it were, sir. —The Sketch.

—"Think how wealth is flattered and fawned upon." "It is, eh?" replied Senator Sorghum. "Have you ever noticed the icy reception accorded a corporation king when he tells some candidate he is going to vote for him?"—Washington Star.

—"Good morning, sir," says the lady, entering the studio of the famous portrait painter. "I wish to engage you to paint my portrait." "I shall be delighted madam." "I want it painted with my new hat on." "Pardon me, madam, but I am not a landscape artist."—Life.

—Didn't you say there was a statesman in your family?" queried my deaf friend. "Oh, no," I cried, hastening to correct his peculiar impression; "I merely said that a relative of mine was one of the United States Senators from New York."—Bohemian Magazine.

—The lecturer had been describing some of the sights he had seen abroad. "There are some spectacles," he said, "that one never forgets." "I wish you could tell me where I can get a pair of them," exclaimed an old lady in the audience. "I'm always forgetting mine."—Kansas City Journal.

—Asheville, Dec. 16.—It is learned here that the National Casket Company, which purposes the erection of a dimension plant on the French Broad River, two miles below Asheville, has closed all negotiations incident to the purchase of land, securement of rights-of-way, etc., and that bids will shortly be asked of contractors for the erection of the necessary buildings. The casket company has 20 acres of land for its factory site and it is understood that with the completion of the dimension plant a large finishing plant will be established. The Southern Railway is to construct a three-mile spur track from Craggy station to the factory site and engineers are now along the route making the necessary surveys.

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Sheriff Watson, of Cumberland, Makes His Nineteenth Capture.

(Fayetteville Observer.)

Sheriff Watson returned to town this morning with his 19th still dangling from his belt.

Night before last, the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff J. C. Culbreth, having received information by grape vine telegraph that a moonshine still was in operation on McDuffie's Creek, in Seventy-First township, 17 miles from Fayetteville, came upon the remains of the outfit; but the still had suddenly disappeared. They found several gallons of whiskey and about 200 gallons of beer, and part of the worm. The still had been in operation that night, as the water through which the worm passes was hot. The Sheriff sent Deputy Culbreth home, and decided he would remain in the neighborhood and search for the still himself.

Early this morning he found the still about a mile and a half from where it was originally situated, buried under pine straw. It was a fine 40-gallon copper still, complete.

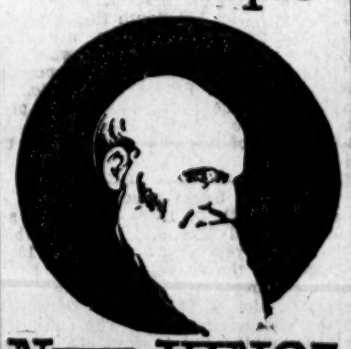
—Durham Herald: Mr. Samuel W. Clark, who is attending school at Trinity Park and studying engineering, is daily receiving encouragement in his device of safety against the open switch and has caught the ear of President Finley and Senator Tillman, of South Carolina. The young man has been in correspondence with both of them and the Southern's head has shown him every interest in his heart's work. He has received lately a letter from W. P. Borland, secretary of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, written from the block signal department, and in it is contained the proposition to put the matter squarely before the body and to report their findings. Associated with Mr. Clark is Mr. M. D. Breslauer, of Norfolk, and they have received a patent upon their invention. Since that came from the governmental departments, they have received upwards of twenty offers for their scheme and each has been declined.

Where Bullets Flew.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done is worth more than five hundred dollars to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters, and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well." 50c at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

Arthur Jenkins, of the United States Navy, who was arrested by the federal authorities on a charge of sending a scurrilous postcard to the President, has been ordered returned to the receiving ship Hancock, at Norfolk, Va., for observation as to his mental condition.

Old People



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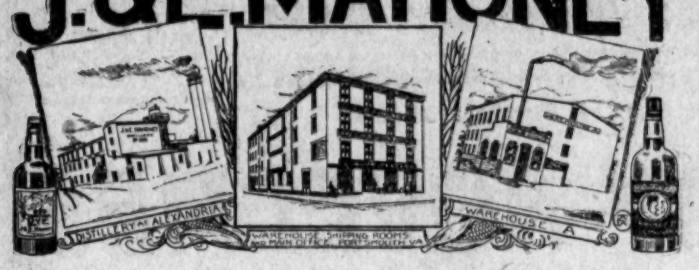

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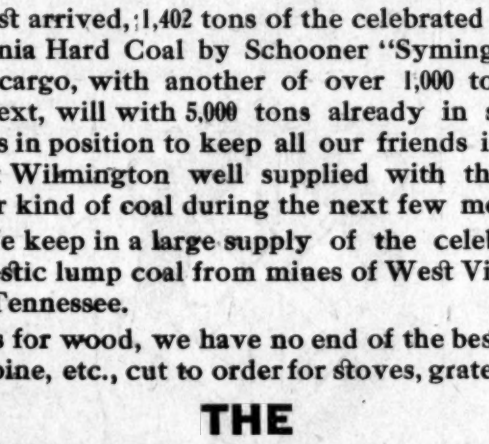

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Baron Manteufel.

[Original.]

Baron Olbers was the possessor of a fine estate in Pomerania. As a young man he was considered very fascinating by women and before he was twenty-five had broken many hearts. But those whose hearts he broke were more fortunate than those he married late in life, for when he was older he would marry those he wished to possess, and they were always short lived. His neighbors who knew of his Bluebeard practices called him Baron Manteufel (Baron Devil).

By the loveliest of his wives the baron had a son, who as he grew up developed his mother's disposition. He was the baron's only child, and, although of an entirely different character, his father lived with him on fairly good terms. When the son, Herman Olbers, was twenty-five he went to his father one day and told him that he had fallen in love and wished to marry.

"I very much approve of your decision," replied the father. "I only hope the lady is young and beautiful."

"Both." And the son gave his father a glowing description of her beauty.

"Very well, you may write her that I approve of your marriage with her. Indeed, I will go and bring her here to you, and the wedding shall take place in this house instead of hers. Her family shall be at no expense."

Young Herman was delighted with his father's complaisance in the matter, attributing it to the fact that his father, who was a widower and was getting old, wished to have the house lightened up by a woman's presence. The baron a few days later ordered out his handsomest equipage and, arraying himself in his finest apparel, drove away for the bride.

Herman passed a week impatiently, during which he heard nothing from his father or his fiancee. Then one day the two drove up to the house, and when the lady stepped out of the carriage the baron presented her as his wife. He had dazzled her with his great wealth, thus obtaining her consent to marry him instead of his son, who had nothing in his own right.

Herman Olbers went to live in a neighboring city. No one knew what effect the loss of his bride had upon him. Whatever it was, he bore it with outward equanimity. The young baroness lived two years and then died, as the baron's other wives had died, of ill treatment. Her stepson did not attend her funeral, but about the time of her death he shut himself up from his friends, who divined the cause. Great was the surprise, however, soon after this seclusion when he announced that he was to be married. He gave out to a few cronies that he would not make public the name of his betrothed until immediately before the wedding for fear his father would again supplant him.

That he was engaged soon reached the ears of his father, and one of Herman's friends let out the secret as to why the name of the lady was not to be made known at once. This made Manteufel furious. By bribery of those making preparations for the wedding he learned the day and the place at which it was to take place. One morning a spy of his rode up to his house at a gallop to inform him that his son, having heard that his secret was out, was resolved to be married at once, and if the baron wished to anticipate him he had only time to reach the church.

Mounting his fleetest horse, Manteufel spurred over the country furiously. He relied on his personal magnetism, towering will power and vast wealth to turn the bride in his favor even at the last moment. All he feared was that he would not get there in time. On the way he met one of his servants, whom he had sent out to spy, telling him to make haste, as there was yet time. When he reached a point a few leagues from the church he was met by another, who told him that the bridal party was driving to the church. Manteufel spurred on, to find when he reached the church steps that the bridal couple had entered.

Flinging himself from his horse, booted and spurred as he was, he rushed down the aisle to the altar, where the ceremony was just beginning.

"Madam," he said to the bride, whose face was concealed by her veil, "I have come to save you from a marriage which can only prove your ruin. My son has no means except what I give him, and he is so worthless that I shall decline to support him. If you will consent to marry the wealthy Baron Olbers, I will give you every luxury."

Without waiting the bride's consent, taking her and the clergyman by storm, he ordered the latter to go on with the service, taking himself the place of groom. The order was obeyed, the bride mechanically repeated the responses, and the couple were pronounced man and wife.

Then the bride threw off her veil.

If the word manteufel applied to the baron, frauteufel was equally applicable to the bride. She was a veritable hag. The first words she spoke to her husband were:

"I've got you, baron, with all your wealth, and I'll make good use of it as long as you live, though I've signed a contract to relinquish it to your son when you die."

Baron Olbers from that moment lived a life of horror. In vain he strove to master his wife and drive her away from him. His efforts were furious bursts of passion; hers were persistent bedevilment. Curiously enough, the baron lived the exact term of the married life of Herman's mother.

Baron Herman Olbers never married.

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We received today a beautiful selection of children's hats, which we now have on sale at almost half price. We are showing a splendid assortment of Ladies' Satin Hats that have been marked down.

Ladies' Coat Suits reduced. We want the room for our Spring assortment of dresses. A wonderful reduction in Ladies' Cloaks: $7.50 Cloaks will be sold for $5.00; $10.00 Cloaks for $7.00; $15.00 Cloaks for $11.00, and $20.00 Cloaks for $15.00.

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Friday, December 18, 1908.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 18, 1908.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Thursday, Dec. 17:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 54 degrees; 8 P. M. 58 degrees; maximum 65 degrees; minimum 54 degrees; mean — degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, 1.46 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville Tuesday at 8 A. M. 7.2 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Generally fair Friday and Saturday, colder Saturday and in west portion Friday; fresh south winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 18.

Sun Rises.....7:05 A. M.
Sun Sets.....4:48 P. M.
Day's Lenth.....9 hrs, 44 min.
High water at Southport 3:22 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 5:38 A. M.

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Crystal Palace—Three Turkeys.
Odd Fellows—District Meeting.
Distillers—Quote Crude Turpentine.
Academy of Music—"The Miner's Daughter."

Business Locals.

E. M. P. Odham—Notice
Reward—For Tea Set Case.
Mechanics' Home Association—New Series.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. F. B. Gault, of Lake Waccamaw, was a Wilmington business visitor yesterday.

—Miss Mary O'Hanlon, of Roanoke, Va., is visiting her sister, No. 206 North Second street.

—Mr. W. A. Lancaster, of Supply, Brunswick county, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

—Messrs. E. Nealy, of Vineland, and J. R. Newkirk, of Willard, spent yesterday in the city on business and returned home last night.

—Messrs. Robert Bridgers and Louis Poisson are at home to spend the holidays. They are students of the University at Chapel Hill.

—Mrs. E. M. Wilson and little son, Edwin M., Jr., of Haverford, Pa., have arrived to spend the holidays with Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. McL. Green, No. 406 South Third street.

—Mr. C. Raymond Humphreys, now engaged in extensive engineering work for the Santee River Cypress and Lumber Company, of Ferguson, S. C., arrived in the city yesterday and will likely spend the holidays in this city.

THE EXPRESSION LEAGUE.

Appreciative Audience at Y. M. C. A. Last Evening—Programme.

The entertainment last evening in the Y. M. C. A. by the Expression League under the direction of Mrs. Curtis Arnall-North was thoroughly enjoyed by a cultured and very appreciative audience. It was given under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Association and a part of the ceeds will go to the Y. M. C. A. and the remainder to the purchase of books for the Expression Library.

The first part of the programme included an impersonation, "A Naughty Little Girl's View of Life," by Miss Myrtle Vollers; a dialect recitation, "The One-Legged Goose," by Miss Hazel Winstead; a monologue, "The Dumb Waiter's Difficulty," by Miss Isabel McDougall; a vocal solo, "Slumber Boat," by Miss Louise Wise; a dramatic reading, "In Football Times" by Miss Louise Worth; a story of child life from "Helen's Babies," by Miss Hazel Miller; a humorous reading, "A Modern Horatius" by Miss Florrie Northrop, and a selected piano solo by Mr. Paul Lupo.

The second part consisted of the presentation of an amusing farce, "The Mouse Trap" by William Dean Howells, the cast including Miss Mary Houston, as Miss Mary Somers, a fascinating young widow; Mr. Guy LeMoyne, as Mr. Willie Campbell, her fiance; Miss Madge Brand, as Mrs. Agnes Roberts, sister of Mr. Campbell; Miss Isabel McDougall, as Mrs. Curwen; Miss Eunice Andrews, as Mrs. Lou Bemis; Miss Lucile McRackan, as Mrs. Miller, and Miss Mattie Maultsby, as Jane, the Maid.

Each number on the programme and each character in the play was so well taken that it would be unjust to individualize in speaking generally of the splendid entertainment.

Johnson-Newbold Nuptials.

The marriage of Mr. William Franklin Johnson, of Norfolk, Va., and Miss Susie Elizabeth Newbold, daughter of Mr. J. J. Newbold, of Cronly, was an event of much interest to friends. The ceremony was performed Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock at the manse of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church by Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D. A few friends and acquaintances of the couple witnessed the marriage vows. The bride was becomingly attired in a navy blue traveling suit and the quiet event was especially pretty. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson left on the evening train for Norfolk, where they will reside.

Property Transfers.

By deeds filed for record yesterday the following property transfers were made: Trustees of Rising Star Tabernacle, Independent Order of Love and Charity, to D. McEachern, for $175, lot 99 feet west of Eighth and 144 feet south of Dock, 33x70 feet in size, block 145 according to official plan of city; F. A. Bissenger and wife, to B. Sternberger, for $100, lot on Dawson street 133 feet west of Sixth, 33x99 feet in size; Thomas H. Wright to W. H. Montgomery, for $500, lot on Rankin street 136 feet east of Bay street.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The Home Science Department of Sorosis will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the club rooms.

—The Star is requested to say that the man Dlugin before Justice Furlong's court Wednesday is a Russian Jew and not a Syrian as stated in yesterday's paper.

—Sheriff Cowan calls attention to the fact that the State law imposes a tax of $5 on all dealers in fireworks. He is beginning a round of the city to determine who are liable for the tax, which will be collected as the law prescribes.

—The market was reported yesterday full of fresh meats, game, fowl, etc., for the holiday trade. Dressed turkeys are selling at 16 to 18 cents per pound and grown chickens at 35c; other meats in proportion. Dealers say the holiday trade is poor.

—A fire in Solomon's Shoe Store, on South Front street yesterday morning, caused from a defective flue, damaged the stock to the amount of about $100. Mr. Leon Moore, an employe of the store, managed to extinguish the flames without the assistance of the fire department.

—The regular monthly meeting of Cape Fear Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held Saturday afternoon, Dec. 19th, at 3:30 o'clock. The annual election of officers will take place and other important business will be transacted. A large attendance is desired.

—An eagle of unusual size which was caught by Mr. John Baker in the southern part of the county, has attracted the attention of many people during the past few days at the market of Mr. J. W. Batson, corner of Second and Market streets. The bird measures eight feet from tip to tip.

—There will be an entertainment and Christmas tree at the Advent Christian Church at Middle Sound Wednesday night, 30th, under the auspices of the Sunday School but anyone desiring to participate may do so. The exercises will begin at 7 P. M., the admission will be free and all are invited.

—The meeting of the Executive Committee of the East Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers' Association appointed to be held here yesterday was postponed until 10:30 o'clock today on account of a death in the family of one of the members. The meeting is for a discussion of the general affairs of the organization.

—Upon opening yesterday morning it was discovered that two barrels of liquor had been stolen during the night from the Troutman whiskey distillery, near Smith's Creek bridge. Search resulted in the finding of the barrels later hidden in a ditch near the still. It is thought daylight caught the thieves and they hastily disposed of the liquor there, expecting to get it later when opportunity presented itself.

—Impressive funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. T. A. Smoot, from Grace M. E. Church yesterday morning, over the remains of the late Miss Florence L. Alderman, who passed away in Raleigh Wednesday morning. A large number of friends were in attendance and a number of beautiful floral tributes were laid on the casket and on the grave in Oakdale cemetery where the remains were interred.

—Delgado Lodge No. 195, Knights of Pythias has elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: Chancellor Commander J. W. Goley, Vice Chancellor L. B. Goley, Prelate Archie Fryar, Master of Work J. E. Jones, Master of Finance W. A. Woods, Master of Exchequer Orrin Johnson, Keeper of Records and Seal T. A. Compton, Master at Arms Louis Fryar, Inner Guard W. V. Dew, Outer Guard W. G. Buie.

MARRIED LAST EVENING.

Mr. Joe Quinlivan Claims as Attractive Bride Miss Bessie Futch.

A marriage of much pleasurable interest and surprise to the many friends of the young people was that of Mr. Joseph Quinlivan and Miss Bessie Futch, both of this city, which was celebrated yesterday evening at 8 o'clock at the rectory of St. Thomas' Catholic Church, the Rev. Father C. Dennen officiating in the presence of only a few friends and relatives. The bride was attended as maid of honor by her cousin, Miss Mabel Howard, and the groom by Mr. Dan Carroll, as best man. The bride was becomingly gowned in cream crepe de chine, carrying bride's roses and the maid of honor wore a pretty costume of old rose. The wedding is described by everyone in attendance as having been pretty and charming for its simplicity. After the ceremony the young people repaired to the home of the groom's father, Mr. Thomas Quinlivan, No. 709 Bladen street, where a pretty reception was tendered them and where they will make their home in future. Mr. Quinlivan and bride have the best wishes of a host of friends in their happy union for life.

ACCIDENT AT DUNN, N. C.

Negro Suffers Loss of Leg Attempting to Board Freight Train.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Dunn, N. C., Dec. 15.—While attempting to board a passing Atlantic Coast Line freight train in front of Dunn postoffice this afternoon a negro hobo, Ed Cromartie, fell under the wheels. One leg was terribly mangled. He was taken to the office of Drs. Sexton & Highsmith where amputation just above the knee was found necessary. The negro's mother lives in Fayetteville, N. C., and he was trying to beat his way home on a train that had slowed down to catch orders in passing. This is the third man hurt here by Coast Line trains within the past 60 days. There were some 30-odd vehicles that this writer counted at the Broad street crossing a few days ago waiting for a moving train to pass. A day or two later he personally called to a man with a loaded team to stop. The driver quickly reined his horses down on Railroad street and a collision with train 89 was narrowly averted. Unless the railroad company puts guards at this place, it is only a question of a short time when some one will be killed.

The Theatre

This has indeed been a merry week for the Crystal Palace and its patrons. The theatre has done a rushing business and the big crowds have thoroughly enjoyed the performances. And the end is not yet, because today will probably be one of the biggest of the week, with another big one tomorrow.

Tonight three big turkeys will be given away and tomorrow afternoon another matinee is to be given especially for the children. Then a large doll and a fine football will be given away and a bill arranged especially for the youngsters will be presented. Little Miss Barker will be one of the stars and will greatly delight the little folks. The admission will be 10 cents and the first performance will commence at 3:45 o'clock.

Popular Prices Next Week.

Monday night the Demorest Comedy Company, a popular price organization that has been highly praised, will open a week's engagement at the Academy. The opening bill will be "The Miner's Daughter." In it "Virginia" the heroine, is a delightful breezy character, hailing from that celebrated State, where "you have to show me." The play is original in theme and novel in treatment. Unlike most dramas of the West, shooting is conspicuous by its absence. Notwithstanding this, the play bristles with stirring climaxes, and the solution of the story holds one in suspense until the final curtain. Ladies will be admitted free Monday night if accompanied by an escort (lady or gentleman) holding one paid reserved seat ticket, but these tickets must be reserved before 6 P. M. Monday. High class singing, dancing and musical specialties will be introduced between the acts.

A Glance at the Jackies.

The reception of the American fleet in Australia upon the recent tour of the battleship fleet around the world will be the extraordinary offering in moving pictures at the Bijou this afternoon and evening. Everybody has an interest in the jackies and all want to see just how the sailors were received abroad. The pictures at the Bijou begin with the arrival of the fleet at Sidney, the steaming into the harbor, the departure of Admiral Sperry and staff ashore and the various features of entertainment accorded the visitors while in the Australian capital. Finally the fleet is shown steaming away to Japan after review in the pale moonlight, a scene of indescribable beauty.

LAW ENFORCEMENT LEAGUE

Large and Representative Meeting at Y. M. C. A. Last Night.

A large and representative meeting composed of citizens from every ward in the city was held last night in the Y. M. C. A. parlors and organized the "Law Enforcement League" for the purpose of assisting the county and city officials in the enforcement of the prohibition laws which go into effect January 1st. Another meeting will be held next week and before the holidays are over, it is expected to have an active aggressive organization. Officers will be elected and a plant of action will be determined upon, all of which will be given due publicity in good time.

THE SOUTHERN LIFE

Will Make Due Answer to South Carolina Order.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 17.—It was stated today by an official of the Southern Life Insurance Company in reference to the order issued yesterday by Insurance Commissioner McMaster, of South Carolina, that the company show cause within 30 days why their license to do business in South Carolina should not be revoked, that the order would be answered at the proper time, and in due form, further declaring that the position of the Southern Life is perfectly clear. Beyond this the officials of the Southern Life have no statement to make.

He Vindicated the Officer.

Lawrence Dease, a drunken white man, was severely censured by Mayor Springer after the session of the police court yesterday when he was let off with the costs for being drunk and down the night before at the Rock Spring hotel. Dease was in the disreputable section of the city Monday night and was going around yesterday scattering the report that he had been robbed of $5 in cash and a pocket knife by an officer on duty out there. The officer sought out the stranger and presented him to the Mayor to whom he admitted that he had borne false testimony against the officer. Later it developed that the day before his arrest he went to the police station and endeavored to claim some money and other articles taken from another prisoner locked up there. The Mayor had no patience with the man whatever after the facts were disclosed.

Join the procession and put the Red Cross stamp on your Christmas letters and packages and when Christmas comes feel that you have done a good deed and feel "Merry." Stamps one cent each. For sale at all drug and book stores and the Woman's Exchange. Buy one, two or a hundred as you are able and willing to help up. Others who have joined: W. M. Cumming, Clarendon Waterworks, J. G. Wright & Son, James Owen Reilly.

DIED.

BURKE—At the family home, 605 South Front street, Thursday, Dec. 17th, ERIC BURKE, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Burke, aged 4 months and 11 days.

Funeral this (Friday) afternoon at 3 o'clock from residence, interment in Oakdale cemetery. Friends of the family respectfully invited.

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PUBLIC WATERWAYS

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commercial and industrial information and forecasts, upon which waterway improvement must always so largely rest.' Our observation of the work of the military engineers in this state justifies the impression upon our commercial bodies that the reports of the officers upon this station show a thorough professional and commercial knowledge of the great projects which have, in their admirable execution so largely developed the trade of Wilmington in particular, whose commerce has been many times multiplied since the beginning of the river and harbor work.

"It is greatly to be regretted that this valuable corps consists of but one hundred and seventy officers, only one half of whom are fitted, by age and experience, for large responsibilities.

"The need of engineers for purely military duties is increasing, and it is therefore to be hoped that the requirements of our rapidly developing country may be replenished by the appointment of capable men, who have served as 'civilian assistant engineers in that work, and who have thereby acquired an experience in that field of engineering possessed by no other set of men,' provided that they may be under the direction of competent military engineers.

"We are not prepared to discuss the qualifications for public work of civilian engineers, whose training at schools equal if not superior to West Point, would fit them for special governmental appointments or commissions. That such a corps, apart from the army engineers, might render efficient and effective service, is not denied, if it be safeguarded from commercialism and from the perilous temptations of the frequent sin of malfeasance.

"The publication entitled 'Engineering News,' says that it has fully recognized and often pointed out the very valuable services which officers of the Corps of Engineers have rendered and are rendering for the efficient and honest conduct of great public works. Yet it has, at the same time, recognized the fact that a large part of the real engineering work is being done by subordinates, with inadequate pay and inadequate position.

"The North Carolina Waterways Association, however, desires upon this occasion to place upon record an emphatic expression of its high appreciation of the excellent service, in this State of North Carolina and particularly on the Cape Fear River and bar, of the Corps of Engineers of the United States Army, and an acknowledgement of the profound gratefulness of its members to the efficient officers of the Corps, who have brought the splendid work on the Cape Fear River to its present stage of development."

Senator Bourne has introduced a bill providing for an increase in the salary of the President of the United States from $50,000 to $100,000 and in the salary of the Vice President from $12,000 to $25,000, to take effect at the beginning of the next administration.

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HATCH KILLED BY MAYOR

Tragedy at Dudley in Which Mayor Bowen Will Be Held For Murder. Quarrel Over Dog Followed by Shooting.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 17.—A special from Goldsboro says news reached there today from Dudley, a small town in this county; that Ira Hatch, a prominent resident of that place had been shot and killed by Roger J. Bowden, mayor of Dudley.

Bowden is in bed from wounds received immediately after the shooting from a shot gun in the hands of the dead man's son. The dead man was a brother of J. R. Hatch, clerk of the Superior Court, who went early to the scene of the tragedy, as did also the coroner and sheriff and an investigation is being held.

From what has been learned it seems that Bowden and Hatch were at variance and about one o'clock this morning some one passed Hatch's house and shot his dog, whereupon Hatch and his son took shot guns and went out to reconnoitre and some distance on the streets met Bowden whom the elder Hatch immediately accused of shooting his dog.

Hot words were exchanged and Bowden shot Hatch through the heart with a pistol from which death resulted instantly and thereupon the younger Hatch shot Bowden with his gun, but inflicting only flesh wounds.

BOTH UNDER BOND

Negro and Wife Tried For Assault With Serious Injury.

Before Magistrate Sykes yesterday afternoon, William McIver and wife, Olive, were given a preliminary trial on warrants charging assault with serious injury and forcible trespass, the prosecuting witness in both cases being Mandy Brown. The parties are all colored and live in Hutaff's Alley, where the affair is alleged to have occurred the first part of the week, when, according to the evidence the Brown woman's home was entered after she had protested against it and she was beaten by both of them so severe that serious wounds were inflicted. She resented the attack of her assailants and in the altercation her hand was painfully bitten, the injury being of such a nature that she has been unable to use it.

Both the defendants were placed under a $50 bond in each case and in default were committed to jail to await trial in the higher court.

MR. POST MADE MANAGER.

Takes Charge of Baltimore Office of Fairbanks Company.

The recent appointment of Mr. Robert E. Post, son of Mr. James F. Post, treasurer of the Atlantic Coast Line, to the position of manager of the Baltimore office of the Fairbanks Company, which is an excellent promotion and testifies to the ability and trustworthiness of the young man, will be learned of with great interest by his friends here. According to an official notice sent out by the company, Mr. Post succeeds Mr. J. G. Doon, who has been elected third vice president. The latter has been transferred to New York and Mr. Post has already assumed charge of the Baltimore branch.

IN STATE OF DEFENSE.

Venezuelan President's Declaration Because of Holland's Action.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 17.—Something of a flurry was caused in diplomatic circles today over the report which generally obtained that Venezuela had declared war against Holland. These reports had their foundation in the dispatch which came to the State Department by way of Bogota, transmitting a telegram from Caracas, saying that the government had declared a state of war. It was soon pointed out, however, that this announcement was based on Vice President Gomez's declaration that the country is in a state of defense because of Holland's act in seizing the coast guardship Alexis.

Officials interested in the situation profess to see no actual difference between a "state of war" and a "state of defense," taking the position that it is a case of "a distinction without a difference."

FOR FEAR OF LYNCHING

Assailant of Mrs. Moss Removed From Stanly County.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 17.—Solicitor W. C. Hammer late today ordered Sheriff Green, of Stanly county, to remove to Charlotte Henry Young, the negro who attempted criminal assault on Mrs. James R. Moss Tuesday.

Excitement in the county has somewhat subsided, but the fact that Mrs. Moss is recovering from the shock and that the negro failed to accomplish his purpose, rendering the crime not a capital one under the North Carolina law, is feared might yet lead to violence if the prisoner remained at Albemarle.

McADOO IS ACQUITTED.

Tried in Greensboro For Murder of Ed Allred.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 17.—Will D. McAdoo was acquitted today in Superior Court of the charge of murder in connection with the killing of Ed Allred last January. According to the evidence the killing was accidental.

McAdoo is a member of one of the most prominent families in North Carolina and is a son of the late W. D. McAdoo and a cousin of William McAdoo, of New York.

SOLICITOR WAS KILLED

E. L. Walker Shot by Friend While on Hunting Trip.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Blackshear, Ga., Dec. 17.—E. Lawton Walker, newly elected solicitor general of the Brunswick circuit this State, was almost instantly killed by a friend in the hunting field this afternoon, near Walkersville.

Mr. Walker and three friends were following up a scattered covey of birds when the load from the gun of Benjamin Dickson one of the hunters entered Mr. Walker's head just back of the right ear. He fell to the ground unconscious and died within a few minutes afterward. The shooting was entirely accidental.

MRS. TAFT AT SPRAY.

Presided Over First Meeting to Organize Welfare Work in South.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Spray, N. C., Dec. 17.—Mrs. William H. Taft, who accepted the honorary chairmanship of the Woman's Department of the National Civic Federation in New York, at its recent annual meeting, arrived here today. To evidence her interest in the movement she arranged the first meeting in the South and presided over it today at the residence of Mrs. B. Frank Mebane, who is one of the vice presidents of the Womans' Department of the Federation. The purpose was to organize welfare work in the Southern States.

WARM WIRELETS.

Every National Bank examiner will hereafter be required to furnish a bond in the sum of $20,000 for the faithful performance of his duties and besides this also will be required to take an oath of office. Comptroller of the Currency Murray in issuing an order yesterday making these requirement, explains that examiners in the performance of their work necessarily handle large sums of money.

A DISPLAY OF QUICK WIT.

The American Saved His Pride and Observed Russian Etiquette.

The Yankee and the Russian story is again on its grand rounds, but as all attempts to name the original Yankee have failed, says London M. A. P., it is safe to pin the anecdote to any prominent American who may have visited St. Petersburg.

The Russian has been identified as the Grand Duke Constantine, younger brother of the Czar Alexander I., and the incident occurred about 1810.

The Yankee went out for a walk in March, when the snow was melting after sudden rain. The street was a maze of puddles, divided into sections by narrow ledges of snow at the crossings, over which pedestrians carefully felt their way.

The Yankee was just in the middle of such a snow bridge when he recognized the Grand Duke Constantine approaching in the opposite direction. The path being too narrow for two persons to pass, the grand duke being accustomed to every one getting out of his way, the Yankee being too courteous to turn his back on a brother of the czar to return whence he came and too proud to step servilely into the slush for a mere prince of the royal blood—such was the contretemps.

Quick as a flash our American whipped out his purse, presented it to Constantine and asked, "Even or odd?"

"Even," replied the astonished prince.

"You win!" said the Yankee and stepped off into a puddle half a leg deep.

Constantine, highly pleased by this peculiarly American proceeding, mentioned it to the czar, and our Yankee was invited to dine at the palace next day.

HE LACKED TACT.

Bad Breaks of the Man Who Was Trying to Sell Spectacles.

"The meanest job of my lean days," said a millionaire, "was spectacle peddling. I still see the sad and scornful looks, I still hear the reproachful oaths, which that work brought down on me.

"It was at the seashore. I had a case of spectacles for every age from forty-five up. I paced the beach and the board walk.

"Once I walked up to a lady and gentleman seated close together on the sand.

"'Sir and madam,' I said, 'would these interest you? The best and cheapest brand of old age spectacles on the market. This pair would be your size, sir—forty-nine years. Lady, will you try these fifty-four year ones?'

"They reddened, and the man told me, with an oath, to move on. I remembered as I moved that he had been holding her hand. A seaside flirtation. Of course they hadn't liked their thoughts brought down from love to old age spectacles.

"On the board walk I accosted a pretty girl leading an old man by the arm.

"'Would your grandpa be interested in these, miss?' I said. 'Best glass, warranted, eighty year size, price'—

"'Tell him to go, Billy,' said the girl.

"And as I went a hot corn man chuckled:

"'That, you dub, was Gobsa Golde and his young bride.'"—Los Angeles Times.

Had a Close Call.

Mrs. Ada L. Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom Hotel, Vaughn, Miss., says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough, and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it, and three bottles affected a complete cure." The fame of this life saving cough and cold remedy, and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. 50c and $1.00 Trial bottle free.

The GHOST of THE ROUNDHOUSE.

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The conductor and engineer of a train may not even be acquaintances, and yet all goes well. The conductor may take out three or four different engineers in a week, and yet no trouble arises. It is different when you come to the cab. The engineer must have his own fireman.

For three years Engineer Stimpson and Fireman Davis had occupied a cab together on the run of the mountain division. At Butler the engineer had a family and home, and the fireman boarded with him. They were not related in any way, and yet the two looked so much alike that railroad men nicknamed them the twins. In every two men thrown together one is the stronger. In this case it was the engineer. He intuitively led the way in all things, and his fireman followed. Brothers could not have been greater chums. Davis might have had an engine in front of a freight train after a couple of years, as he had thoroughly mastered the mechanism of the steam monster, but he would not take it. He preferred the subordinate position for two reasons. First, it kept him beside his friend, and, second, Stimpson had whispered to him one day:

"Jim, don't try it. You haven't got the nerve. If a pinch came you'd lose your head and bring about some awful disaster. I'm not saying that you wouldn't stand up to your work in a row with any man, but keep clear of the throttle. I've watched you, and I tell you that a dark night, a heavy train and a down grade makes you tremble like a girl, while I poke my head out of the window and whistle defiance to danger."

"That's it. I can't get over being scared," replied Jim. "When it's thirty-five an hour and a moonlight night, I can whistle, too, but the darkness and the speed to make up lost time take it all out of me. When we were six minutes behind in making the siding at Grand Bluff the other night and found the express booming down upon us, I prayed to God and jumped the cab. You haven't said a word to me about it, and I'm hoping you never will. It was the fear, Tom—such fear as I never have outside the cab and the fear that I never can control. Keep me on with you. I want no engine for myself."

Tom and Jim had been pards for nearly four years, when there came an accident that killed the engineer and so injured the fireman that he lost an arm. The engineer was buried and forgotten by all but a few, and the cripple was given a place in the railroad roundhouse as night watchman. He had held the place only a single month when strange reports began to be circulated. He had seen the ghost of his dead engineer in the cab of his old engine as she stood over the cinder pit. He saw again and again and whispered the news with white lips, and then he was called to the office of the master mechanic, and the official asked him in a blunt, unfeeling way:

"Jim, do you think I put you down in the roundhouse to make a fool of yourself?"

"No, sir."

"Then don't see Tom Stimpson's ghost again. If you do, I shall think you have taken to drink."

"And nothing but water ever passes my lips."

"But this ghost business is all nonsense. I am surprised that a sensible man like you would tell such a yarn."

"Mr. White," said Jim, as he moved a step nearer and dropped his voice to a whisper, "the ghost comes two or three times a week and sits in the cab of old 990 and looks at me, and that's God's truth, but from now on I'll say nothing about it. Why shouldn't it come? Tom was the best friend a man ever had."

It was a month after his interview with his boss that the ghost came earlier than usual one night. It was a night of darkness and storm—a night to try the nerves of every engineer due to go out or come in. The watchman had gone his rounds, and old 990 was hissing over the cinder pit after a long run when the ghost appeared in the cab and said:

"Jim, it's a bad night outside."

"It is that, Tom," was the reply.

"I told you once that I doubted your nerve. Perhaps I was wrong."

"No, pard. You hit the truth."

"I wouldn't do you wrong for the world, Jim. I want to see you at the throttle and outside on such a night as this. That will test your nerve. It may be that the accident has made a change. Take her out and see."

"And why not?" asked the watchman of himself. "The old feeling has gone, and perhaps it won't come back. If it don't I could run an engine with the arm that's left me. Thankee, Tom—I'll try it."

He climbed into the cab and managed to shovel enough coal into the fire box to run the steam up again. Then he turned the table and threw open the doors and switched the engine on to the main track. It was a howling night or he would have been seen and stopped. As it was he turned the switch back, climbed into the cab and opened the throttle and sped away. Ten miles down the road, with the 990 going at a speed of a mile a minute and the one armed man in the cab shouting for joy because the fright had left him forever, there was a head-on collision with a freight train and three men were killed.

"So there was a ghost in the roundhouse?" mused the master mechanic as he looked down upon the mangled form of the dead watchman when it was brought home. "Yes, there was a ghost there, but it was his own and led him to his death." M. QUAD.

MYSTERY OF THOUGHT.

Try to Concentrate Your Mind on One Theme For Five Minutes.

A St. Louis physician who has given much attention to the study of mental disease in its various phases, though, as he says himself, not enough to qualify as an alienist, has a curious theory with regard to concentration of thought on any particular subject.

His idea is that no human can so fix his mind on any special topic as to avoid even for a moment the errant thoughts that come and go, not only without our volition, but in spite of our most earnest efforts at mental application.

He goes so far as to maintain that nobody but a monomaniac can think of one subject continuously for five minutes and even believes that the ability to do so is one evidence of something wrong in the upper story.

"I once heard the subject discussed by a party of intelligent men, and one of the number was so confident of his ability to think of one subject an indefinite length of time that he roused his opponents to the point of making a test.

"'If you can repeat the Lord's Prayer and then declare upon your word of honor that you have not thought of anything else while doing it, I'll make you a present of a horse and saddle and bridle.'

"The confident one took up the challenge and in order to fix his mind requested the company to keep still until he got through. Then, with frowning brows and tightly drawn face, he began aloud and went slowly and apparently with the most determined attention straight through the prayer.

"After he said 'amen' and opened his eyes he was asked how he had got along with his task.

"'It's a failure, gentlemen. I didn't get to the end of 'hallowed be thy name' before I wondered what kind of a horse it was going to be, and before I reached 'thy will be done' I thought about black saddles and white saddles and about the horse again; then of the bridle and the rein, whether they would be of light or dark leather; then of old Pete, a horse my father had and how he threw me over his head when I switched him with a locust thorn branch; then of a mare that kicked old Pete in the ribs while they were in the pasture together and left the imprint of both shoes on his side, and before I reached 'amen' I thought of a drove of wild horses that used to be out on the plains and what a pile of money a man would make by rounding them all up and selling them for farm horses.

"'I did think I could fix my mind on one thing for awhile, but when I tried my brains seemed to scatter like an old fashioned shotgun.'"—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

An Eccentric Will.

In the year 1736 a gentleman living in England named Samuel Baldwyn died after a somewhat unhappy married life. By his will Mr. Baldwyn left his property to his young wife on the condition that she should from time to time dance upon his grave.

The motive for this strange request was evident when the instructions for his interment were read. Mr. Baldwyn desired that his remains should be taken by boat to the Needles and then cast in the sea. This singular wish enabled him to revenge himself on his wife for past disagreements, and the widow lost the property, as she could not fulfill the conditions of her husband's bequest.

The Word "Ogre."

Old fashioned etymologists used to say that the word "ogre" commemorated the sufferings of Europe during the ninth and tenth centuries at the hands of the ravaging "Olgours," or Huns. This derivation, however, is now abandoned. "Ogre," which reached the French language by way of Italian and Spanish, is really Orcus, the Latin hell, afterward the god of the underworld. In Romanesque folklore this god became a shaggy, black, man devouring monster, with a particular taste for lost babes in the wood.

One View of the Kiss.

The olfactory kiss is Mongolian. The nutritive affair is European. The Mongolian kiss is with the nose. The European kiss is with the mouth.

The Mongolian kiss indicates that the party sniffed would be an agreeable prey. The European variety indicates that the party embraced would make a delectable meal.

They are but the different forms of the same instinct of preservation—the give and take of wild beasts.—Exchange.

Art of the Superior Smile.

The superior smile is a useful accomplishment for any young man. It is much in vogue at the universities, where it may be studied at its best on young Don. Many men who learn nothing else at the universities learn this art and find it uncommonly useful in after life. It is an excellent cover for a naked mind and should be sought after by parliamentary candidates.—Oxford Varsity.

Flooring Papa.

Five-year-old Tommy was being put through a test in numbers before the admiring family one day at dinner. Finally papa asked him the question that had proved the Waterloo of the older children in past years.

"Now, Tommy," said papa, "how many are two apples and three pears?"

"Five fruits!" promptly answered Tommy.—Delineator.

We exaggerate misfortune and happiness alike. We are never either so wretched or so happy as we say we are.—Balzac.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

MECHANICS' HOME ASSOCIATION—New series B. & L. stock. Walker Taylor, president; W. M. Cumming, secretary. de 18 tf ex su

NOTICE—Headquarters for fresh New River and Norfolk oysters, also choice fish of all kinds dressed and delivered on short notice. Phone 695, E. M. P. Odham, Front Street Market. dec 18 1t

FIVE DOLLARS REWARD and no questions asked for return of tea set case stolen from Union depot yesterday afternoon. Return to "Owner" this office and receive reward. dec 18 1t

PRINTER WANTED—Apply to the Wilmington Stamp Works, 15 and 17 Princess street. de 16-3t.

$50.00 REWARD—I will pay that amount to any one furnishing sufficient evidence to convict persons who place maliciously on the public highways any obstacles such as glass, nails, etc., to the detriment of horses and automobiles. Frank Herbst, Agent. dec 16 1w

GOOD BARGAIN—Three mules and log wagon all in good order, for sale cheap to close out. Hall & Pearsall, Nutt and Brunswick streets. de 15-1w

PHOTOGRAPHS—Visit the U. C. Ellis Studio for bright, clear, artistic photographs that don't fade. At reasonable prices. dec 3 tf

DELMONICO CAFE—Blue Point oysters on half shell and quail on toast. de 1-1m

MOTHER, do you hear that rattling in your baby's throat put a little of mother's joy on it and stop it at once. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

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PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER, NOTARY PUBLIC—Expert work of any kind, anywhere, any time. Court reporting, depositions, medical papers. Notarial work. Meares Harriss, 114 Princess street. Phone 708; residence phone 546. sep 2 eod

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

MOTHER'S JOY is made of pure goose grease and other healing ingredients. Mothers, you can't afford to be without a box of mother's joy. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

FOR RENT—Store and warehouse 108 North Water street, at present occupied by J. S. Funchess & Co. Possession given at once. Apply to Morris Bear & Bros. au 5 su-we-fri-tf.

THE BEST INVESTMENT on the market today—I have for sale a desirable 7-room house on North Third street, lot 33x165 in good location and suitable for a home. As an investment it will pay 12 per cent. Price only $2,400, will take part cash. Apply at once to James Owen Reilly, Real Estate and Insurance. de 16-2t.

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THE OLD RELIABLE, the Wilmington Pressing Club, is still running at the old stand on Second street. Others come and go, but the old Wilmington comes and stays. de 5-tf.

UPHOLSTERING, repairing, varnishing, at 114 1-2 Dock street. 'Phone No. 1465. Carolina Upholstering Company, P. J. Breen, manager. de 6 tf

BOARDING—Permanent and Transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up to date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St. Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 713. sep 22-tf

FOR SALE—A four-room cottage, in center of city on car line. Has gas, water, electric lights and telephone. Splendid neighborhood. Address "B. S. W." care of Star office. noc 25-tf.

FOR SALE—One sorrel horse, weighing 1,400 pounds, 7 years old; well broke, kind and gentle, sound in every way. Will sell or exchange for two smaller horses. This horse too large for our purpose. Address C. M. Faircloth, Clinton, N. C. dec 11 4w

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dec 17 tf

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—High Point Enterprise: Ellis Brown, a colored laborer at Hill Venter Co., fell in the vat this morning and was badly scalded up to his waist. While his injuries are painful and somewhat serious they are not fatal.

—Newbern Sun: A small shipment of holly this morning by express, over the Norfolk and Southern road, was noticed on account of its destination. This Christmas decoration was sent from a party here to a firm in Defiance, Ohio.

—In the words of an Edgecombe county farmer the following will give some idea of the happy part of farm life which the residents of this section are now enjoying. "Cotton all out, peas all thrashed, and the grub is spare ribs, and we're living high waiting for Christmas."

—Charlotte Observer: The Carolina Engineering Company, of Burlington, has its forces at Lillington in Harnett county, and has begun work on the erection of a bridge there, and will soon have a force at Duke to commence work on that bridge, both of which were washed out by the Cape Fear flood.

—Salisbury Post: Dr. Edward B. Clement, of Salisbury, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Clement and brother of Assistant Attorney General Hayden Clement, has been elected by the directors first assistant to the chief surgeon of the Municipal Hospital of Philadelphia, a compliment to this talented young Salisburian that the State will appreciate.

—Fayetteville Observer: The police are today engaged in rounding up a gang of chicken thieves, who have been operating on Haymount for some time past. They have already arrested one, and are hot on the trail of five others. A number of chickens and turkeys have been recovered so far.

—Rocky Mount Record: That the tobacco market in this city is on a steady growth is evidenced by the fact that next season five warehouses will be bidding for the tobacco from this section instead of four during the past, and a new brick warehouse will next season sell its share of bright leaf.

—Charlotte Observer: Mr. J. C. Clifford has been elected attorney for Harnett county by the board of commissioners to succeed Mr. C. M. Muse. Mr. R. G. Taylor, of Dunn, went in as chairman of the board, succeeding Mr. G. K. Grantham, also of Dunn. All the other officers were their own successors and gave their several bonds.

—Spencer, Dec. 16.—Private Detective W. J. Ashburn, who arrested Reuben Barbee at Durham last week charged with the murder of Engineer Fred Holt, of this place, returned to Spencer today. He states that the State has all the evidence necessary to convict Barbee and that additional information tending to show his guilt is being unearthed every day, and that persons who were afraid to talk when Barbee was at liberty are now telling what they know about the case.

—Charlotte Observer: The cases in United States Court against W. E. Breese, J. E. Dickerson and W. H. Penland for embezzling the funds of the First National Bank, of Asheville, which have been on the docket for the past 11 years, are again slated for trial at this term of Federal Court. They will again doubtless be continued. Like Banquo's ghost, they will not down. Unless soon tried, the statute of limitations prescribed by the Almighty on mortal existence will apply.

—Morganton, Dec. 16.—Sherman Hensley, who is charged with murder, has been brought here and lodged in jail to await trial. He was arrested at Asheville as the result of some shrewd detective work. Hensley is charged with the murder of Mary Phillips about two years ago. The girl was found in the waters of Big Ivey several days after her murder and the case attracted wide attention at the time. A man who claimed to have been with the two when the girl was shot and killed gave himself over to the authorities and told that Hensley was the guilty man.

—Winston-Salem, Dec. 16.—L. G. Hancock, charged with embezzling $2,400 from Lambe Fish Box Company, while manager of that concern's plant here, and who was arrested in San Francisco after he had made a trip to Honolulu, was released from jail this evening after his people had put up a certified check for $1,500, this being the amount of bail agreed upon. It is reported that several checks payable to the Lambe Fish Co., were found on Hancock after his arrest, and that these will reduce the amount of his shortage to the amount of his bond.

—Salisbury, Dec. 16.—By a miracle R. P. Ragan, an electrician in the employ of the Salisbury-Spencer Street Railway Company, escaped instant death by electrocution this morning and as it is he is in a critical condition. Mr. Ragan has charge of a substation of the Southern Power Company in Salisbury and he was connecting the panel leading to the Salisbury waterworks when his pliers crossed a terminal and caused a short circuit. Mr. Ragan's face and arms were terribly burned and the shock rendered him unconscious. The accident occurred at 10:30 o'clock and at noon Mr. Ragan is still in a comatose condition, but the physicians believe he will ultimately recover. Mr. Ragan is about 25 years old and formerly lived at Concord.

A Healthy Family.

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A PARTY WIRE MUDDLE.

[Original.]

Those who use a party wire telephone need to exercise caution.

The party wire in a certain location took in four families, the Alstons, the Hammonds, the Winstons and the Chapins. It so happened that all were acquaintances and the first three friends. The Alstons and the Winstons were especially intimate. Indeed, Mabel Alston was engaged to Herbert Winston. The Chapins and the Hammonds were cousins. There was also a growing intimacy between Mrs. Chapin and Mrs. Hammond.

One day Mrs. Alston wished to speak with Mrs. Winston. "Hello, central!" she said. "Give me 3720 L!"

"Your letter, please?"

"My letter is L."

There was a good deal of buzzing and bur-r-r-ing, accompanied by airy voices, then suddenly a well defined woman's: "I am Mrs. Winston. Who are you?"

"Oh! Is that you, Clara Chapin? I'm Dora Hammond. I've been trying to get you for some time. These party wires are a perfect nuisance. Yesterday I had to wait half an hour while somebody was giving instructions to her dressmaker."

Mrs. Alston's sense of honor led her to drop the receiver; but, recognizing herself in this "somebody," her sense of honor was not strong enough to bear the strain. She listened.

"Yes," replied the other, "we're going to have our telephone taken out. It's singular how little regard some people have for other people's rights.'

"What I called you up for was to inquire if there is any truth in the report of the breaking of the engagement between Mabel Alston and Herbert Winston."

"I haven't heard such a report."

"Haven't you? Everybody is talking about it."

"I always considered Herbert too good for her. She's a nice enough little body, but no style about her. Herbert is one of the best dancers I ever saw."

"Mabel is very plain."

"Herbert is handsome as a picture. What do they say is the cause of the break?"

"Herbert's attentions to his cousin, a Miss Meriweather."

"You don't mean it! I've met her. She's very pretty and stylish. You see, she wears the right kind of corset. No woman can have a figure in the present fashion without a modern corset. That's the trouble with Mabel Alston; she wears some kind of a waist."

"And studies Greek. Ha, ha! Just think of it!"

"That's the folly of sending girls to college. It takes away all desire for social advancement."

"By the bye, have you decided how to have your new pink silk made up?"

"Only as to the neck, which is to be cut square."

Mrs. Alston listened for forty minutes while the dialogue proceeded, but since it was a wardrobe discussion she became tired and dropped the receiver. She repeated the dialogue she had heard pertaining to the broken engagement to her daughter, who assured her that there was no foundation for it, at the same time gently chiding her for eavesdropping.

The next day Mrs. Alston, with a light in her eye and a cold look about her mouth, stepped to the telephone and called up Mrs. Chapin.

"Is that you, Clara? I'm Dora. I want to tell you that I've made inquiries about the breaking of the engagement of Mabel Alston and Herbert Winston. It isn't broken at all."

"You don't mean it! How did you find out?"

"I went straight to Mabel's mother."

"Did you tell her who told you?"

"Yes. I had to. She said if I didn't she'd never forgive me. It's very unfortunate. She told me that the next time you met her you needn't trouble yourself to speak to her, for she had no further use for your acquaintance."

"Dear me! Upon my"—

Mrs. Chapin heard no more, for there was a click, and she was cut off. Then Mrs. Alston called up Mrs. Hammond:

"Is that you, Dora? I've called you up to say that I was mistaken about that breaking of the engagement between Mabel Alston and Herbert Winston."

"Yes?"

"I may as well confess that I made it all up out of whole cloth."

"For land's sake!"

"Afterward I became conscience stricken and went to Mrs. Alston and told her what I had done; also of our conversation about it. She promised to forgive me if I'd tell her what you said, so I told her."

"Oh, my goodness gracious!"

"She said if her daughter didn't have a made up modern figure she had a natural symmetrical one and some brains in her head besides, which was more than you or I have. She told me to tell you that you needn't return her last call. Goodby."

The next time Mrs. Chapin and Mrs. Hammond met there was a mutual dead cut. When either of these ladies met Mrs. Alston they did not dare look at her, knowing that she would pass them with her nose in the air. The telephone company received a simultaneous notice from three of the party wire subscribers to take out the telephone. It was a long while before Mrs. Chapin and Mrs. Hammond found out through mutual friends that some one had been personating each one of them to the other, but by this time their enmity was so great that they refused to be reconciled. Mrs. Alston is the only one of the four who retains her telephone. She considers it a great convenience. CONSTANCE WILD.

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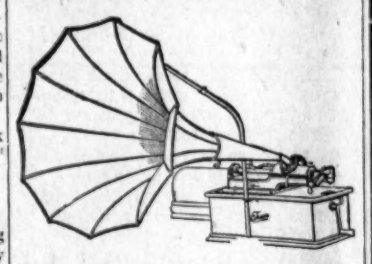

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RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$2,574,534 92
N. C. State and other Bonds	188,004 25
U. S. Bonds (at par	550,000 00
Bank Buildings	55,000 00
Cash	1,228,698 18
	$4,596,237 35

LIABILITIES.

Capital	$ 550,000 00
Surplus and Net Profits	298,134 69
Circulation	550,000 00
U. S. Bond Account	100,000 00
Deposits	3,098,102 66
	$4,596,237 35

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Schedule in Effect Sept. 7, 1908.

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The arrivals and departures are given as information, as well as connections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48.	No. 41.
Lv. Wilmington	9:00 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:03 pm	9:55 pm
Ar Wilson	1:00 m	10:52 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	2:36 pm
Ar Norfolk	5:55 pm	
Ar. Petersburg	7:00 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	5:10 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	8:40 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:41 am	10:00 am
Ar. Philadelphia	4:21 am	12:18 pm
Ar. New York	7:23 am	2:45 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41.	No. 45.
Lv New York	9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar Philadelphia	11:27 am	12:15 am
Ar Baltimore	2:12 pm	2:51 am
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv Norfolk		8:25 am
Lv Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar Weldon	9:59 pm	11:28 am
Ar Rocky Mount	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar Wilson	11:47 pm	1:58 pm
Ar Goldsboro	6:15 am	3:00 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9:25 am	6:10 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor.	9:05 am	7:20 pm	4:30 am
Ar Col'bia	12:25 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:15 pm	7:30 am
Ar. Sa'n.	6:20 pm	2:10 am	9:54 am
Ar. Jk'ville		7 15 am	2:20 pm
Ar. Tampa		6:25 pm	12:15 am

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa	8:55 pm	7:00 am
Lv. Jacksonville	8:55 am	7:45 pm
Ar. Savannah	1:05 pm	11:59 pm
Lv. Charleston	5:30 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:15 pm	2:55 am
Ar. Wilmington	12:45 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound Daily
Lv. Wilmington	8:40 am	Ar 8:05 pm
Lv. Fayetteville	12:10 pm	Ar 4:45 pm
Ar. Sanford	1:40 pm	Lv 3:30 pm

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Lv. Wilmington	3:20 pm	1:00 pm
Ar. Newbern	7:00 pm	Lv. 9:25 am

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TRAINS LEAVE WILMINGTON AS FOLLOWS.

	No. 45	No. 39.
Lv. Wilm't'n	4:45 A. M.	3:00 P. M.
Ar. Lumb't'n	7:11 A. M.	5:43 P. M.
Ar. Maxton	7:52 A. M.	6:35 P. M.
Ar. Hamlet	8:45 A. M.	7:30 P. M.
Lv. Hamlet	9:05 A. M.	8:10 P. M.
Ar. Monroe	10:50 A. M.	10:20 P. M.
Ar. Ch'lotte	11:35 A. M.	11:30 P. M.

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TO WILMINGTON FROM WRIGHTSVILLE

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:20, 7:25, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 7:25, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:55, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM THE BEACH

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WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, *2:25, 3:00, *3:45, 4:30 *5:05, 6:00, *6:05, 7:00, *7:05, 8:30, *9:05, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

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TO WILMINGTON FROM GOLF LINK AND DELGADO

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:35, 7:40, 8:10, 8:40, 9:40, 11:10 A. M., 12:40, 2:10, *2:35, *3:55, 4:10, *5:15, 5:40, *6:15, 6:40, *7:15, 8:10, *9:15, 9:40, 10:45, 11:45 P. M.

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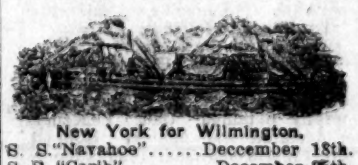

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 17.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Market, steady 36 3-4c.

ROSIN—Market, steady $2.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

TAR—Market, firm $1.60.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm $1.75 per barrel for hard; $2.75 for dip and $2.75 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine steady 41 1-2; rosin nothing doing; tar steady $1.60; crude turpentine firm $2.00, $3.00 and $3.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	1
Rosin	155
Tar	293
Crude Turpentine	136

Receipts, Same day last year, 11 casks spirits turpentine; 125 barrels rosin; 188 barrels tar; 12 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady, 8 1-4 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Steady, 11 3-8 cents.

Receipts—1,830 bales, same day last year 2,594 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, December 12th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@75c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 80c; Virginia, prime 60@65c; extra prime 70@75c; Spanish, 75@80c.

CORN—Firm, 97 1-2c per bushel for white; 92 1-2@95 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, old 17c; shoulders 11 @12 1-2c; sides 12 1-2c.

EGGS—Firm at 27c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@85c for large springs; growns, dull, 35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dr.flint, 10; green, dull 6c. per pound.

IRISH POTATOES—New 80 and 90c per bushel.

SWEET—POTATOES—Dull at 50c per bushel for yams.

WOOL—Free of burr, 15c; burry wool 10 to 21 1-2c.

TURKEYS—On foot 12 to 13c; 14 to 18c dressed. Good demand.

CHEESE—Dull 50c per head; dressed 50c.

PORK—Good demand 6 to 8c; corn fed 8c.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 17.—The cotton market was a little steadier today, taking it as a whole, although an advance during the middle of the session was practically lost in the late trading, with the close barely steady net one point lower to one point higher. Sales were estimated at 150,000 bales.

The market opened unchanged to 2 points lower, with the tone steady and during the early session showed a tendency to rally, following the recent decline on covering by shorts for over the week end and the census report on Monday. Cables were just about as due and Liverpool seemed to be buying here to undo straddles, but there was no sign of aggressive bull support, and after selling up 6 to 10 points net higher prices eased off again under a renewal of local bear pressure and realizing by early buyers who found very little demand in the market. Southern spot markets officially reported were unchanged to 1-16c lower.

Receipts at the ports today were 49,947 bales, against 59,389 last week and 53,919 last year; for the week 380,000 bales, against 410,667 last week and 400,715 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans were 13,767 bales, against 14,236 last year, and at Houston 12,320 bales, against 12,529 last year.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 9.10; middling gulf 9.35; sales 2,200 bales. Futures opened steady and closed barely steady.

Month	Open	Close.
December	8.78	8.80
January	8.38	8.43
February	——	8.43
March	8.46	8.52
April	——	8.56
May	8.57	8.60
June	——	8.60
July	8.57	8.58
August	8.48	8.50
September	——	8.40
October	8.40	8.41

PORT MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Galveston—Steady, 8 3-4; net receipts 20,676; stock 287,295.

New Orleans—Easy, 8 11-16; net receipts 13,767; stock 289,951.

Mobile—Steady, 8 9-16; net receipts 1,525; stock 31,095.

Savannah—Firm, 8 1-4; net receipts 7,927; stock 167,417.

Charleston—Dull, 8 1-4; net receipts 929; stock 28,565.

Wilmington—Quiet, 8 1-4; net receipts 1,830; stock 16,821.

Norfolk—Steady, 8 3-4; net receipts 3,218; stock 52,290.

Baltimore—Nominal, 8 7-8; stock 28,934.

New York—Quiet, 9.10; net receipts 50; stock 123,245.

Boston—Quiet, 9.10.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 9.35; Net receipts 25; stock 5,942.

Total today at all ports, Net 49,947; Great Britain 41,124; France 20,256; Continent 13,235; stock 1,138,633.

Consolidated, at all ports, Net 316,789; Great Britain 89,614; France 51,253; Continent 81,756; Japan 4,421; Mexico 450.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports, Net 5,630,592; Great Britain 1,551,652; France 568,837; Continent 1,736,018; Japan 54,638; Mexico 1,953.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 8 5-8; net receipts 12,320; stock 1421,89.

Augusta—Quiet, 8 3-4; net receipts 2,026; stock 103,631.

Memphis—Quiet, 8 3-4; net receipts 3,940; stock 173,714.

St. Louis—Dull, 9.0; net receipts 1,269; stock 36,445.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 1,405; stock 18,467.

Louisville—Firm, 9 1-8.

Little Rock—Quiet, 8 1-4; net receipts 1,732; stock 43,159.

Total today—Net receipts 22,692; gross receipts 30,700; shipments 31,326; sales 6,786; stock 517,605.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Dec. 17.—Cotton: Spot in fair demand, prices 2 to 4 points lower. American middling fair 5.34; good middling 4.98; middling 4.80; low middling 4.60; good ordinary 4.09; ordinary 3.69.

The sales of the day were 8,000 bales of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 7,200 American.

Receipts 14,000 bales including 13,200 American. Futures opened steady and closed steady. December 4.65; December and January 4.62 1-2; January and February 4.62 1-2; February and March 4.62 1-2; March and April 4.62 1-2; April and May 4.63; May and June 4.63; June and July 4.63; July and August 4,62 1-2; August and September 4.56 1-2; September and October 4.52 1-2; October and November 4.50; November and December 4.48; December and January 4.47 1-2; January and February (1910) 4.47.

THE DRY GOCDS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 17.—The dry goods market continues fairly steady. The demand for prompt shipments of goods under order is of an imperative character while the buying of additional goods is quiet. Finished cottons rule firm and gray cottons are easier. Cotton yarns are easy and are being ordered conservatively.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 17.—There was the sharpest break in prices of stocks today since the scare following the Maine election in September. Speculative holdings were shaken out of their weakened position and thrown on the market at rates of concession that gave an appearance of semi-demoralization. The most significant feature of the market was not the volume of the liquidation, which was not unusually heavy, as is witnessed by the moderate total of the day's sales, but the total abandonment of the support of the market which has held prices rigid against all reactionary influences for the greater part of the time throughout the year's great rise. That the burden of sustaining prices at the extremely advanced level to which they have reached is increased by the constriction of money supplies is certain, in spite of the moderate effect thus far produced on the open rates for money. The acute weakness of American Smelting and of shares in other companies in the metal trades found a special explanation in the critical attitude displayed by members of the Ways and Means Committee of the House towards the duty on lead ore. The weakness was not limited to any restricted field in the list of securities and spread gradually and with increasing effect. The decline in itself had the effect of uncovering stop loss orders and of bringing out calls for additional margin. The cheapening of prices as a result of the day's sales amounted to from 1 to 3 points for practically all stocks dealt in.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, were $4,906,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales of stocks today were 1,034,100 shares.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 17.—Money on call firm 2 to 3 1-2 per cent., ruling rate 3 1-2, closing bid 2 1-4, offered at 2 1-2. Time loans very dull and firm; sixty days and ninety days 3 1-2 to 3 3-4; six months 3 3-4 to 4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 to 4 12- per cent. Sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers bills at 4.85 for sixty day bills and at 4.8690 for demand, commercial bills 4.84 5-8 to 3-4; bar silver 48 3-8; Mexican dollars 45.

NEW YORK BONDS.

U. S. refunding 2s reg	103
U. S. refunding 2s cou	104
U. S. 3s reg	100 3-4
U. S. 3s cou	100 3-4
U. S. 4s reg	120 1-4
U. S. 4s cou	121
Amr. Tobacco Co. 6s	107 7-8
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	95 7-8
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	100 3-8
L. & N. Unified 4s	101 1-2
Seaboard Air Line 4s off'd	62 5-8
Southern Railway 5s	108 1-2
U. S. Steel 5s	102 1-2

Closing Stock Lists.

Amalgamated Copper	78 7-8
Amr. Car & Foundry	45 7-8
Amr. Car & Foundry pfd	107
Amr. Cotton Oil Co.	41 3-4
Amr. Locomotive	54 1-2
Amr. Smelting & Ref	81
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd	100 3-4
Amr. Sugar Refining	127 1-2
Amr. Tobacco pfd	91 1-2
Atchison	95 3-4
Atchison pfd	101 3-4
Atlantic Coast Line	104 1-2@109 7-8
Baltimore & Ohio	108 7-8
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	91 1-2
Chesapeake & Ohio	55 3-4
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	147 7-8
Colorado Southern	56
Erie	33 1-8
Erie 1st pfd	47 1-2
Erie 2nd pfd	38 1-2
Great Northern pfd	143 7-8
Kansas City Southern	37 3-8
Kan. City Southern pfd	66 1-2
L. & N.	122 1-2
Norfolk & Western	83 1-2
Northern Pacific	140 3-4
Pennsylvania	128 3-4
People's Gas	100
Reading	138 3-4
Rock Island Co.	22 3-4
Rock Island Co. pfd	58
Southern Pacific	119 1-4
Southern Pacific pfd	122
Southern Railway	24 3-4
Southern Railway pfd	58 1-4
Standard Oil	——
Union Pacific	180
U. S. Steel	53
U. S. Steel pfd	110 1-4
Va.-Car. Chemical	42 5-8
Va.-Car. Chemical pfd	114
Western Union	68
Westinghouse Electric Co.	88

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 17.—Flour dull and nominally lower.

Rye Flour and Corn Meal—Steady.

Buckwheat Flour, Buckwheat and Rye—Dull.

Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red 1.06 3-8 to 1.07 7-8 elevator. Options 7-8 to 1c net loss. Dec. 1.08 3-8; May 1.10 1-4; July 1.04 1-2.

Corn—Spot easy; No. 2, 65 1-2 elevator. Options 5-8 to 3-4c net lower. Dec. 67; May 67 5-8; July 67 5-8.

Oats—Spot easy; mixed 54 1-2 to 55.

Lard and Tallow—Steady.

Pork—Quiet.

Rice and Molasses—Steady.

Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3.27.

Coffee—Quiet; No. 7, 6 1-2 to 6 5-8. Santos No. 4, 7 7-8 to 8 1-8. Mild—Dull; Cordova 9 1-4 to 12 1-2. Futures closed steaddy unchanged to 10 points higher.

Butter—Steady;c reamery third to first 23 to 30.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Steady at the decline; State, Penncylvania and nearby selected white 43 to 45; fair to choice 38 to 42; brown and mixed fancy 35 to 36; fair to choice 30 to 33.

Peanuts and Cabbages—Quiet, unchanged.

Potatoes—Dull; Bermuda, per barrel 4.00 to 6.00.

Cotton Seed Oil—Barely steady for spot and nearby deliveries, while later positions were higher on a renewal of bull support. Prime crude 29 1-2 to 30; prime summer yellow 37 3-4 to 38 1-2; prime white 38 3-4 to 41 1-2; prime winter yellow 44 to 46; off summer yellow 37 to 38; good off summer yellow 37 1-2 to 38 1-4.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Wet weather in the winter wheat belt of the United States inspired general selling in the wheat market today resulting in declines at the close of 3-8 to 5-8 to 3-4. Corn and oats also closed weak. Provisions were steady.

	Opening.	Highest.	Closing.
Wheat—			
Dec.	1 01 1-4	1 01 3-8	1 00 3-4
May	1 06 3-4	1 06 3-4	1 06
July	98 3-8	98 5-8	95 7-8
Corn—			
Dec.	57 5-8	57 3-4	57 1-2
May	61 3-8	61 1-2	60 3-4
July	61 1-4	61 1-2	60 7-8
Oats—			
Dec.	49 1-2	49 1-2	49 1-2
May	51 1-4	52 1-4	51 3-4
July	47 1-8	47 1-8	46 5-8
Mess Pork, per bbl.—			
Jan.	15 70	15 70	15 62 1-2
May	16 05	16 05	16 60
Lard, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	9 12 1-2	9 12 1-2	9 12 1-2
May	9 37 1-2	9 37 1-2	9 37 1-2
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	8 15	8 17 1-2	8 15
May	8 45	8 47 1-2	8 42 1-2

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady; No. 2 spring wheat 1.06 to 1.07; No. 3 98 to 1.07; No. 2 red 1.02 7-8 to 1.03 3-4; No. 2 corn 57 1-2 to 57 3-4; No. 2 yellow 57 3-4 to 58; oats, No. 3 white 49 to 51; No. 2 rye 74 to 74 1-2; good feeding barley 57 to 58; fair to choice malting 59 to 65; No. 1 northwestern 1.46 3-4; prime timothy seed 3.85; clover, contract grades 9.30; short ribs, sides (loose) 7.75 to 8.12 1-2; mess pork, per bbl. 14.55 to 14.62 1-2; lard, per 100 lbs. 9.10 to 9.12 1-2; short clear sides (boxed) 8.37 1-2 to 8.62 1-2.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 17.—Rosin steady, turpentine suiet.

Charleston, Dec. 17.—Turpentine firm 37 1-2; sales 50 casks. Rosin firm; sales 150 barrels. Quote: A. B. C. D. E. F. G. 2.82 1-2.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 17.—Turpentine firm 37 3-4; sales 544; receipts 885; shripments 101. Rosin firm; sales 1,966; receipts 3,791; shipments 675; stock 157,410. Quote: A. B. C. D. E. F. G. 2.90 to 2.92 1-2; H, 3.40; I, 4.15; K, 5.10; M, 5.80; N, 6.15; WG, 6.40; WW, 6.50.

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BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 17, 1908.

C. C. Railroad—59 bales cotton; 27 barrels rosin; 97 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—214 bales cotton; 9 barrels tar; 4 barrels crude turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad—1,502 bales cotton; 1 cask spirits turpentine; 60 barrels rosin; 78 barrels tar; 47 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—55 bales cotton; 68 barrels rosin; 69 barrels tar.

Str. Alice—40 barrels tar; 85 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—1,830 bales cotton; 1 cask spirits turpentine; 155 barrels rosin; 293 barrels tar; 136 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port of Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

Str. Helena (Br.) 2,708 tons, Kelley, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Cardigan (Br.) 2,689 tons, Davis, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Valhalla, (Br.) 1,660 tons, Merryfield, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Holmlea, (Br.) 1,143 tons, Airey, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Horace P. Shares, 293 tons, Flynn, C. D. Maffitt.

Joel L. Cook, 319 tons, Loveland, C. D. Maffitt.

Millie R. Bohannan, 570 tons, Little, C. D. Maffitt.

Ada F. Brown, 1,294 tons, Wallace, C. D. Maffitt.

Wm. Thomas Moore, 261 tons, Bell, C. D. Maffitt.

Barges.

Flore, Little River, S. C., Hammer Lumber Co.

Mme. de Struve's Wit.

Secretary Blaine had said of Mme. de Struve that she was the brightest woman he had ever met, and everybody who knew her agreed with this verdict. Her knowledge of English was remarkable, even for a Russian, and her sallies were famous. For instance, the day when Secretary Bayard was made head of the American diplomatic service his daughter, Miss Kate Bayard, said laughingly to a young secretary of legation, "Remember, I am now daughter of your chief!" to which came, quick as a flash, the retort from Mme. de Struve's lips, "Oh, we all know that you are miss-chief!"—Army and Navy Life.

His Terms Varied.

"I give a little reception next Thursday evening, and I should like some music, piano solos particularly. What would be your terms?" Thus a lady to a professional instrumentalist.

"Eef I go zere simply as a musician," was the reply, "und blay my selections und leave I gharge fife guineas, but eef I must go as a guest und spend ze whole evenings talking to von pack of fools I gharge den guineas!"—London Graphic.

A Sure Thing.

She—Did father say anything about you being too young? He—Well, yes; but he said I'd age pretty rapidly after we were married and I found I had to pay your bills.—Illustrated Bits.

A happiness that is quite undisturbed becomes tiresome; we must have ups and downs.—Moliere.

Crude Turpentine.

Distillers quote crude turpentine as follows: $2.75 for dip and virgin, and $1.75 for hard.

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Report of the Condition of

The Southern National Bank, at Wilmington, in the State of N. C., at the close of business, November 27th, 1908.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts		$ 957,110.34
Overdrafts secured and unsecured		3,740.29
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		200,000.00
Other Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		66,690.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		4,550.35
Bonds, securities, etc.		49,885.00
Banking House, furniture and fixtures		5,000.00
Other real estate owned		None
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	$257,757.34	
Due from State Banks and Bankers	178,985.30	
Due from approved reserve agents	197,699.23	
Checks and other cash items	5,397.66	
Notes of other National Banks	6,900.00	
Fractional Paper currency, nickels and cents	1,398.23	648,137.76
Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$26,000.00	
Legal tender notes	40,000.00	66,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)		10,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent. Redemption fund		3,874.00
Total		$ 2,014,987.74

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock paid in		$ 200,000.00
Surplus Fund		100,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		33,032.35
National Bank notes outstanding		200,000.00
Due to other National Banks	$484,033.15	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	459,199.01	
Due to 13 Trust Companies and Savings Banks	68,657.99	
Individual deposits subject to check	413,918.91	
Certified checks	1,071.25	
Cashier's checks outstanding	5,075.08	
United States Deposits	50,000.00	1,481,955.39
Bonds borrowed		None
Notes and bills rediscounted		None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed		None
Total		$ 2,014.987.74

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, ss:

I, C. N. Evans, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. N. EVANS, Cashier.

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EVIDENCE WANTED FROM ROOSEVELT

On Which He Based His Charges Against Congressmen.

HOUSE'S POSITION STAND

The Resolution Calling for Evidence Adopted Without Dissenting Vote. The House Gives President Opportunity to be Heard.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 17.—The House of Representatives by unanimous vote adopted a resolution requesting the President to supply it with any evidence that may be in his possession that will justify the statement in his last annual message in relation to the attitude of members of Congress toward appropriations for the secret service of the Government.

Mr. Perkins, of New York, chairman of the special committee charged to investigate the allegations made in the President's message, and John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, both stated on the floor that it was the desire of the special committee to be just toward the President in allowing him to submit any evidence he may have and both declared that the committee would give it full and impartial consideration. Mr. Perkins said the committee would continue in session during the Christmas holidays so that it might receive such evidence from the President promptly and proceed to consider it.

Both the resolution and all of the preamble except that part of the latter interpreting the meaning of the President's message in relation to the secret service, were adopted unanimously by a viva voce vote. Mr. Bennett, of New York, demanded a division on the preamble provision stating the committee's interpretation of the President's strictures upon Congress, but before the division was entered upon he endeavored to withdraw his motion. Mr. Williams insisted that this could not be done and the vote being taken, 270 members voted aye and 14 no one this part of the preamble.

Following is the resolution:

"Resolved, That the President be requested to transmit to the House any evidence upon which he based his statements that the 'chief argument in favor of the provision was that the Congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated by secret service men' and also to transmit to the House any evidence connecting any member of the House of Representatives of the 60th Congress with corrupt action in his official capacity and to inform the House whether he has instituted proceedings for the punishment on any such investigation by the courts or has reported any such alleged delinquencies to the House of Representatives."

In reporting the resolution Mr. Perkins said it had been recommended unanimously by the special committee and added that as soon as the President should send in any information in his possession, the committee would make another report for the consideration of the Huose.

"So far as the committee knows," said Mr. Williams, there is not a scintilla of evidence to support that statement by the President. The committee has thought it would be fair to the President to give him further opportunity to produce testimony if he has any. The American people have a right to know if the American Congress be corrupt."

Mr. Keifer, of Ohio, wanted to know whether the words "If not incompatible with the public service" should not be inserted in the resolution, as usual, in calling on the President for information. This suggestion called forth laughter and Mr. Perkins declared that the resolution as worded was a "request" for information and was not imperative in its wording.

Mr. Perkins then cut off further discussion by demanding the previous question and Speaker Cannon calling for a viva voce vote there was a chorus of "ayes" favoring the passage of the resolution, followed by a dead silence when the noes were called for.

The House devoted the remainder of the day to bills on the calendar.

The Senate.

The postal savings bank bill was before the Senate today for over an hour, Senator Burkett, of Nebraska, making a comprehensive argument in favor of its passage.

The Senate listened also to the reading of a message from the President recommending a change in the form of government of the District of Columbia by which a single executive head would take the place of the board of three commissioners who now jointly act as a governing board.

A great many of the Senators left Washington today to spend the holidays at their homes, as Congress will adjourn from Saturday next until January 4th.

HAYTI'S NEW PRESIDENT.

General Antoine Simon Unanimously Elected to the Office.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Port au Prince, Hayti, Dec. 17.—General Antoine Simon, the leader of the last revolution in Haiti, that resulted in the flight of President Alexis from the capital, and who made his triumphal entry into Port au Prince ten days ago, was unanimously elected President of the Republic by the Haitien Congress.

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CRIMINAL ACTION BY ROCKEFELLER

Publishers of Hearst New York American Must Answer on Libel Charge.

CARVALHO IS ARRESTED

John D. Jr., Claims That Newspaper Article Tended to Injure His Good Name—President of Company Paroled in Custody Lawyer.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 17.—On a charge of criminal libel made by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., S. S. Carvalho, president of the Star Company, publishers of William Hearst's New York American was arrested today and arraigned in police court before Magistrate Finn. At the solicitation of Clarence J. Shearn, attorney for the Hearst publications, and without any objection being raised on the part of Assistant District Attorney Garvan, who had charge of the prosecution, Mr. Carvalho was paroled in the custoday of his lawyer until December 26th for examination.

Mr. Rockefeller, accompanied by his counsel, Lawyer Murphy, appeared in District Attorney Jerome's office early in the day and made complaint that the article published in the New York American of December 12th under a Chicago date of December 16th with the headline, "J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., originated peonage in stockade, it is said" tended to injure his good name, reputation and credit and to make him appear ridiculous.

He submitted a type-written affidavit embodying these charges to District Attorney Garvan to whom the case was assigned. On the presentation of the affidavits, to Magistrate Finn he issued warrants for the arrest of Messrs. Carvalho, Bradford Merrill, treasurer, and Edward H. Clark, secretary of the Star Company.

Mr. Carvalho was found in his office. Merrill and Clark were not in their offices. Mr. Carvalho took his arrest good naturedly.

Mr. Rockefeller was not present when Mr. Carvalho was arraigned as he did not expect that the warrants would be served today. Lawyer Shearn, after pleading to have Mr. Carvalho paroled, in his custody said that Mr. Merrill had not arrived at the office when the detective called but that he would appear in court tomorrow. Mr. Clark was in California Mr. Shearn said.

KING EDWARD'S HEALTH

No Ground for the Alarmist Rumors Recently Started.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

London, Dec. 17.—Alarmst rumors have been in circulation in London recently with regard to the health of King Edward, but it was learned today that the condition of his Majesty is not such as to cause uneasiness to the members of the household.

Some weeks ago while a guest at a country house, his majesty had to forego talking on account of the resulting irritation of his troat, but otherwise he apparently enjoys his usual health and he shows no signs of the more serious ailments that have been hinted at. Following the day he had to stop talking the King sat up and played bridge and smoked his customary mild cigars.

When the King was at Biarritz certain winds resulted in a similar trouble and other persons at Biarritz complained of the same thing. The King's ailments has been described by a member of his entourage as "a Biarritz throat."

MORTON IS INNOCENT.

Real Murderer Confessed After Accused Has Served 10 Years.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 17.—It became known today that ex-Judge Thomas H. Sutton, of Fayetteville, is in possession of affidavits that go to prove the innocence of A. B. Norton, a white man, who has served ten years of a 30-years' sentence in the penitentiary for murder.

Affidavits signed by men who were associated with Thomas White, who recently died at the Northampton State Farm, set forth that White confessed that he was guilty of the murder for which Norton is imprisoned.

The crime in question was committed in 1898 in Robeson county when Jesse Telar, a white tenant of White's was shot and instantly killed while peaceably entering the door of White's home. White and Norton, another tenant each charged the other with the killing and Judge Sutton sentenced both to the penitentiary for thirty years.

SAMUELS UNABLE TO TESTIFY

Prisoner is Disqualified—Sober on Day of Murder.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Danville, Va., Dec. 17.—After the Commonwealth had rested its case today in the trial of W. Belt Samuels, for the murder of Sheriff William V. Flannagan, the defense called the prisoner himself as their first witness.

At this juncture a unique point in law was raised, Commonwealth's Attorney Thomas Hamlin contending that owing to the fact that Samuels has previously been convicted in the United States court here of perjury he was disqualified as a witness and could not testify even in his own behalf. Court adjourned before deciding this question which will be threshed over tomorrow.

The feature of the trial today was the introduction by the prosecution of witnesses to show that Samuels was sober on the day he killed Flannagan.

JURY READY TO TRY NIGHT RIDERS

Two Unexpected Surprises Developed in Second Day of Trial.

STATE CARRIES POINTS

Father of Night Rider is Excused From Jury Service by Filing of Affidavit of Prosecuting Attorneys—The Trial.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 17.—Two unexpected surprises sprung by the State on the second day of the trial of the eight alleged night riders, indicted for the murder of Captain Quentin Rankin resulted in the completion of the jury this afternoon and will shorten the time of the trial.

The State caused consternation as soon as court opened by filing an affidavit, signed by all the attorneys for the prosecution, charging that J. H. Russell, the first of the two jurors chosen yesterday, was the father of a night rider and had been sworn into the outlaw band by one of the defendants now on trial. The son is Charles E. Russell and Attorney General Caldwell declared that his son had participated in several of the midnight rides of the band and would be used as a witness at the trial. He told the court that this knowledge of the relationship came to him after he had accepted the juror. Juror Russell admitted his relationship to Charles Russell and was excused by the court, over the protests of the defense.

When the next talesman was summoned and examined the defense attempted to challenge him peremptorily. The State raised the point that the defense, having used 26 peremptory challenges, had exhausted its legal number and two more. Attorney General Caldwell admitted that each defendant was entitled to 240 challenges but said that when on a joint trial the defense did not specify on behalf of which defendant it made the challenge, it was presumed to have made each challenge upon behalf of each defendant. After a long and bitter argument, the court promptly ruled with the State and ordered the case to proceed.

The work of selecting the jury then proceeded rapidly to a conclusion. Just half of the jurors are citizens of Union City, the others being residents of the towns in the vicinity. Not a single resident of the Reelfoot Lake region was selected.

NO LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Postal Service Will Not Deliver Them to Charitable Institutions.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 17.—Postmaster General Meyer today announced that he would not renew his order issued in December, 1907, permitting delivery to charitable organizations of letters addressed to "Santa Clause."

Numerous complaints have been made to the Postmaster General by many charitable organizations that, owing to the large number of such letters taken by the various charities while the order was in force, it was not possible to investigate each case, and that the presents given out fell into the hands of unworthy persons. The practice also was objected to on the ground that it tendered to make beggars of children.

The postmaster general has directed Postmasters to treat the "Santa Claus" letters in accordance with those sections of the postal laws which provide that letters bearing fictious addresses shall be sent to the division of dead letters unless the addresses of the sender appear upon the envelope, in which case the letters will be returned to such address.

It is estimated that more than fifty thousand letters are addressed by the children of the country to "Santa Claus" annually.

SAFE-GUARD PRESIDENT-ELECT

Two Cruisers to Escort Him to Panama—The Reason.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 17.—While all of the arrangements have not been made it was decided that the trip of the President-elect to Panama should be made with two cruisers of the navy. The start will be from Charleston in January 25th. The decision to have two cruisers to convey the President-elect is a precaution which has been suggested by certain Senators on the ground that there is no legal provision for a successor to the Presidency in the event of a fatality overtaking a President-elect prior to his inauguration. Further details of the Panama trip are to be worked out by President Roosevelt.

PAYS THE DEATH PENALTY.

Henry Harvey Hanged at Rockingham For Murder.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Raleigh. N. C., Dec. 17.—Henry Harvey, colored, was hanged at Rockingham today after being twice respited by Governor Glen. He was convicted of the murder of Hugh Prince, another negro, whom he shot and killed, apparently without provocation, last summer.

"Catch that chicken," he laughingly shouted as a fowl flew over his head as he was on his way to the gallows.

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AGAINST THE RAILROADS

Charged by Alabama Commission With Making Combination For Benefit of Certain Cotton Compress Company.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 17.—One of the most important complaints filed with the Inter-State Commerce Commission for a long time was that just submitted by the Railroad Commission of Alabama against the Central of Georgia Railway Company and practically all of the railway and steamship carriers in this country east of the Mississippi river. The complaint recites the information concerning the formation of the Atlantic Compress Company, a corporation formed to compress cotton in Alabama, and that the defendant companies make the same rate on compressed as on uncompressed cotton, thereby forcing all cotton to be tendered to them for shipment in an uncompressed state. It is alleged that in the compressing of the cotton thus tendered to them, the defendants favor the Atlantic Compress Company, thus preventing the erection of other compresses. The regulations made by the defendants, the petition avers, injures the material progress and prosperity of certain sections of the cotton belt. It is declared further that the defendant's tariffs on cotton are unfair and indefinite, both to the shipper and to the spinner, in that they deny to the shipper the privilege of determining for himself whether his cotton shall reach its destination in a compressed of uncompressed state. The complaint urges that the rates on cotton be reduced 8 1-2 cents per 100 pounds from all points in Alabama to all points in other States; that all cotton compresses be recognized by the railways; that all shipments of uncompressed cotton be required to stop at the first compress point through which it passes to its destination; that the regulations of the defendants for the concentration of cotton shall apply equally to all compress points and that a reasonable contract be entered into between compresses and the defendant whereby all parties shall be protected fully in their rights.

PROTECTION FOR GROWERS

Southern Peanut Planters Ask for Higher Tariff Rates.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 17.—The peanut industry as affected by the tariff was under discussion at today's hearing before the House Ways and Means Committee. Democrats and Republicans joined in asking for further protection for the peanut growers, and the Republican members of the committee had the opportunity to make political capital from the request for an increase of 1 1-2 cents on the duty by Virginia growers.

Although it was claimed by the witnesses that eight Southern States supply practically the entire crop of peanuts, Florida and the Old Dominion only were represented. Representatives Maynard and Lessiter, members from Virginia, and Alvagh H. Martin, Republican National Committeeman from Virginia, represented the contentions of the representatives of the peanut growers. J. P. Holland and C. P. Day, of Smithfield, Representative Clark, of Florida also asked for an increase in the duty.

The principal claim made by the peanut growers is that the peanuts imported from Japan, Spain and other counties are a serious menace to the American industry. Mr. Martin told the committee that the growers in Virginia received 3 1-2 cents a pound for their peanuts, a price which hardly pays for the labor, he said.

The present duty on peanuts is 1-2 cent a pound and the delegation from Virginia asked that this be increased to 2 cents. Mr. Day said that there were many thousand bags of peanuts imported into Virginia last year from Japan. "The present duty is absolutely inadequate to meet the present conditions," said the witness. "We want a duty of 2 cents a pound."

Representative Dalzell, Republican, of Pennsylvania, asked the witness if he is a protectionist.

"No," replied Mr. Day.

"Do you believe that anything not raised in Virginia should be protected."

"Yes, but I could not say what."

"Do you think," Mr. Dalzell queried, "that an increase of 300 per cent in the duty on peanuts is a reasonable request to make of this committee?"

"The situation is just this," said Representative Clark, "when we get the Republicans on this Ways and Means committee in favor of revising the tariff downward, you come up here and not only get them back to where they were, but lift them out of their shoes."

THE PUBLIC PRINTER.

Senators Asking For Information as to the New Appointee.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washnigton, Dec. 17.—The nomination of Samuel B. Donnelly, of New York, to be public printer, was called up in executive session today by Senator Elkins. Several Senators asked Senator Elkins for information as to Mr. Donnelly's qualifications, which information the West Virginia Senator acknowledged he did not possess. The questions were then directed to Senator Depew, of New York, who replied: "Don't ask me about these matters called New York Federal patronage. I could not be expected to know, for I am only a Senator." The reply convulsed the Senate. The nomination went over.

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A farmer on Rural Route 2, Empire, Ga., W. A. Floyd by name, says: "Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured the two worst sores I ever saw: one on my hand and one on my leg. It is worth more than its weight in gold. I would not be without it if I had to mortgage the farm to get it." Only 25c. at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

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By order of the
COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.
dec 18 1t

The Department of Agriculture is not opposed to the proposed increase of the duty on lemons. This fact is developed in correspondence that has just passed between A. G. Kendall, Secretary of the Citrus Protective League, of California, and Secretary Wilson.

The New York produce exchange will be closed December 25th and 26th and January 1st.

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36 Pails C. C. Ices.
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